



A local woman walks in the steps of pilgrims. (See page 5)

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## Chernobyl children sample treats at Pyle Co-op

A GROUP of children from Chernobyl (right) visited the Co-op store in Pyle as part of their visit to the area.

The village of Blaengarw is playing host to the group of 11 children from a boarding school for children with special needs.

The group visited the food store to find out more about local culture, and to sample products they may not have tried before.

Lunch was served in the store and they received a Fairtrade goody bag each.



Staff welcome the Chernobyl children to the store in Pyle.

### Hospital chief speaks at Porthcawl Forum

THE chairman of the ABMU Trust, Win Griffiths, recently talked to a Porthcawl campaigning group about possible changes to hospital services.  
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### 'TAXI DRIVER SHOWED NO REMORSE', SAYS JUDGE

## Jail for Sarn man (60) over sex offences

A TAXI driver has been jailed for a total of 34 months at Cardiff Crown Court for sex offences.

Brian McAndrew, 60, of Heol Llansantffraid, Sarn, pleaded guilty to three charges of indecent assault. He was found guilty of one charge of sexual assault, following a four-day trial.

In respect of the first set of charges, he applied unsuccessfully to change his pleas to not guilty.

Prosecutor Tracey Lloyd-Nesling said the victim in those charges is now in her 30s. The offences occurred in the Bridgend area when she was aged 13-15. McAndrew had approached her and touched her in an indecent manner.

"As a result, there was a change in her behaviour. She disclosed what had happened to a friend when she was 14, saying the defendant 'touched her down below'," said Ms Lloyd-Nesling.

The court was told that he was arrested in June last year, and said: "I can't understand what this is about".

He totally denied any involvement and when charged, said: "I'm not guilty, that's all."

Ms Lloyd-Nesling said the single charge of sexual assault occurred when he walked into the Pencoed home of a woman in her 50s.

His counsel, Sue Ferrier, said: "It has to be recognised that there are aggravating features. He has suffered difficulties in the past and to this day, denies both matters."

She said that he was supported by his wife and brother and had been on

**CROWN COURT REPORT**  
by AJ SICLUNA

remand in custody for 99 days.

Ms Ferrier said he had been treated for depression and added: "He is not getting any younger, and I accept the case crosses the custody threshold."

Judge Philip Richards said: "It is my sad duty to have to sentence you for a series of offences of a sexual nature."

Regarding the three charges, he said: "They were serious and have had a continuing effect on the victim. At 28, she needed counselling."

Regarding the second victim, he said she had been "extremely vulnerable".

The judge said that McAndrew took advantage of a woman who, when giving evidence in the trial against him, had been entirely convincing.

When he carried out the assault, said the judge, she was wearing only her night clothes.

"She allowed you into her home and you betrayed her trust. You kissed her, and touched her breasts and touched her private parts."

That experience, said Judge Richards, had had a very substantial impact on her.

He said: "McAndrew shows no remorse at all, and simply denied everything, which the jury rejected."

"You were not facing up to what you had done."

On his release, McAndrew must register for life as a sex offender, and he was disqualified from ever working with children.

## Tesco pulls the plug on Porthcawl!

AFTER months of speculation, the supermarket giant Tesco has pulled the plug on plans to develop a large area of Porthcawl.

(SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 7)

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# New volunteer befriending scheme launched thanks to Big Lottery Fund grant



Partner organisation representatives, befriending volunteers who were awarded training certificates, Heidi Bennett (Director of BAVO), Gareth Newton (Big Lottery Fund) and Dr Ed Roberts (Abertawe Bro Morgannwg).

**A NEW befriending scheme co-ordinated by BAVO (Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations) for people over 50, was recently launched at Bethlehem Church Life Centre in Cefn Cribwr.**

Thanks to a grant of over £800,000 from the Big Lottery Fund and £40,000 from Bridgend County Borough Council, the free of charge, confidential and non-judgemental 'community companions' scheme provides people over 50 across Bridgend county borough with companionship through volunteer befrienders.

A spokeswoman said: "The scheme provides a flexible service to older people who may be isolated or lonely. It is not a substitute for professional services, but complements existing support. "The person receiving the befriending can choose how often they would like support, and what kind of befriending

they need, including going out and about, a friendly chat at home, or a visit to one of our community cafés. "Anybody supporting an older person, and who feels that they need that little extra support or companionship can refer people to the scheme. People can also self-refer."

The launch saw Dr Ed Roberts (vice-chair of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University

Health Board) attend, as well as Gareth Newton from the Big Lottery Fund and representatives from each of the partner organisations, befriending volunteers and beneficiaries.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer befriender or know someone who would benefit from the scheme, telephone 01656 810400 or email bavo@bavo.org.uk

## Mother's baseball attack outside junior school gates

**A MOTHER of six picked up a baseball bat and attacked a woman collecting a child outside a Pyle school.**

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Kelly Mochan took the bat, which she said was a child's plaything, from a car, lunged at Tonia Vincent, and shouted: "I'm going to \*\*\*\*\* kill you."

Mochan, 31, then living in Kingfisher Road, North Cornelly, admitted a charge of causing actual bodily harm and was sentenced to a community order involving 12 months supervision.

Prosecutor Mike Hammett said that on May 25 last year, Ms Vincent went to Pyle Junior School to collect a child.

Mochan, who had a child in the school, was there and there was a confrontation concerning family matters and Mochan made threats.

Ms Vincent reported the incident to the school secretary.

The court was told by the prosecutor that soon after, there was a further exchange of words, after which Mochan took a baseball bat from a car and threatened to kill Ms

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Vincent.

She struck her on the top of the head with the bat, and the pair began to scuffle, at which point two teaching assistants intervened.

Ms Vincent suffered a swelling to the head.

Mochan was arrested and claimed she only slapped her after taking the bat to ward off Ms Vincent and another person who intervened.

The bat, she said, was a child's play thing.

Mochan's counsel, Tim Evans, suggested that a community sentence should be passed and pointed out that

Mochan was moving to the Port Talbot area.

Judge David Wynn Morgan said: "The school gates is not the place for the airing of grievances.

"It is not the place for bad language and violence with the use of a weapon. It is fortunate the injury was not as serious as it might have been.

"It was a thoroughly unedifying affair. All the evidence indicates you are a very good mother to six children. There had been a degree of domestic turmoil which has resolved itself."

He said the attack occurred 15 months ago and there had been no repetition.

The court heard that Mochan had no previous convictions.

## Charity event goes swimmingly

**THE recent charity quiz at The Swan in Nottage was a popular night and raised another £37 towards our target of £500 for Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.**

The quiz was followed by 'Rock and Roll Bingo', which was a popular event too, everyone enjoying the unusual aspect of the bingo.

Thank you to all who came. The event will be continuing throughout the summer on Sundays at 5.30pm, all welcome.

Hayley Williams

## Ogmore Labour Party raise more than £1,000 for cancer charity



Julie and Malcolm McCandlish have been long-time supporters of Macmillan Cancer Care.

**THE Ogmore Constituency Labour Party in Bryntirion donated £1,032.27 to Macmillan Cancer Support, with Peter Davis, chair of the Vale Fundraising Committee accepting on behalf of Macmillan.**

Julie McCandlish and her husband Malcolm have been long-time supporters of the charity with contributions to

raffles, prize draws and having a collecting tin at the club.

Macmillan is almost entirely funded by donations so support from clubs like the Ogmore Constituency Labour Party make a huge difference to the lives of local people affected by cancer.

For more information on fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support contact the team on 0300 1000 200, or email: southeast.wales@macmillan.org.uk

## Kandy the puppy can transform someone's life



Steve Kersley (Guide Dogs Cymru volunteer co-ordinator, Coun Norah Clarke with her pup Kandy and Mel Wharmby (Guide Dogs Cymru puppy walking supervisor).

**A VERY cute pup, Kandy, used her puppy power to help pull in the crowds at a Guide Dogs Cymru event at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).**

The charity visited the council's Civic Offices to highlight the urgent need for volunteer puppy walkers in the Bridgend, Vale and Neath Port Talbot areas.

The work involves more than just walking a would-be guide dog. Volunteers are needed for the full time care and education of the guide dog pups from six weeks until approximately 12-14 months of age, when they are returned to the charity to begin spe-

cialised guide dog training.

Kandy is being trained by BCBC councillor, Norah Clarke, who has been a puppy walker for the charity since 2007. Kandy is Coun Clarke's sixth guide dog puppy.

She said: "One of the questions I'm frequently asked is how I can let a puppy go once I have trained it for a year, and I always say it's very hard because they become one of the family. However, if they pass the training, they go on to become a guide dog which gives someone a better quality of life, independence and companionship."

"A guide dog costs approximately £50,000 throughout its life as all food and vet's bills are paid for by Guide Dogs Cymru. So this is why

the organisation relies so heavily on volunteer puppy walkers."

The young dogs will spend much of their first year living with the puppy walker volunteers in their home; they will teach them basic obedience and get them used to a home environment, noise and the bustle of towns. They will prepare the pup for their working life ahead which includes taking them on public transport including, trains and buses.

Guide Dogs supplies basic equipment and covers all veterinary and feeding expenses. To become a puppy walker, volunteers will need to have access to a car. They will have to be with the puppy for most of the day, and free to take their puppy into many varied environments - sometimes busy and difficult. Their yard or garden will also need to be securely fenced so that the puppy remains safely within its confines.

For more information about volunteering for the charity as a puppy walker, please call the Guide Dogs Cardiff office on 0845 372 7405 and ask to speak with Mel Wharmby (puppy walking supervisor) or Steve Kersley (Volunteer Coordinator) for more information. Alternatively you can visit [www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppywalking](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/puppywalking).

## Try Olympic summer fun!

**BRIDGEND County Borough Council's Active Young People Department is running 'Mini Play 4 Life' sessions across a number of county borough venues this summer.**

Following on from the success of last year's programme, this year's includes a greater choice of venues and dates.

The Mini Play 4 Life sessions aim to encourage children aged between three and seven to enjoy an active and healthy Olympics-inspired summer.

Run by fully-qualified play leaders, the sessions will last an hour and a half and cost £2.50 per child. Venues and times are as follows:

Croesty Primary School, Monday July 30 and August 6, 10am-11.30am; Garw Valley Life Centre, Tuesday, August 2 and 9, 12.30pm-2pm; Maesteg Comprehensive School, Wednesday August 1 and 8, 10am-11.30am; Maes yr Haul Primary School, Wednesday,

August 1 and 8, 10am-11.30am; Nottage Primary School, Tuesday July 31 and August 7, 12.30pm-2pm; Ogmore Valley Life Centre, Tuesday August 2 and 9, 10am-11.30am.

Registrations must be completed and returned to the Active Young People Department by Monday July 25.

To find out more, contact (01656) 815222/815223.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 19)

**The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.**

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
12 Thur	00.55	8.0	13.21	7.7
13 Fri	01.57	7.7	14.32	7.5
14 Sat	03.11	7.4	15.51	7.5
15 Sun	04.21	7.6	16.47	7.8
16 Mon	05.19	7.9	17.42	8.3
17 Tues	05.59	8.4	18.24	8.7
18 Wed	06.47	8.8	19.03	9.2
19 Thur	07.26	9.1	19.41	9.3

While THE GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.





Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Marlene Thomas, and council leader, Coun Mel Nott, planting lettuce seeds with pupils from Nantymoel Primary School.

## Food for thought for budding foodies!

**MORE than 500 pupils from Bridgend county borough got together to learn about sustainable food practices, at an event organised by BCBC and Bridgend College.**

The budding foodies took part in a number of fun and informative activities and workshops including a cook-off using only local ingredients, a chutney challenge and a mini Apprentice-style pitch for Fairtrade products.

The event at Bridgend College, Pencoed Campus, was opened by First Minister Carwyn Jones, and organised in partnership with a number of organisations, some of which also ran workshops throughout the day, including Co-op, Rockwool, Groundwork, Fairtrade Wales and Eco-schools.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Good food isn't just about the taste; it should be good for you and good for the planet. The daily choices and decisions we make about food can have a significant impact on the lives of others, as well as the world we live in."

"This event was a great way to teach local school children and their teachers about sustainable food practices, such as growing your own, sourcing ingredients locally and purchasing responsibly."

First Minister Carwyn Jones also presented Bridgend College and BCBC with their level five Green Dragon Environmental Standard certificates – the highest level achievable.



ABOVE; Cabinet member for children and young people, Coun Huw David, with year nine pupils from Cynffig Comprehensive School.

## KPC Youth scoops workplace award



ABOVE: Paula Lunn and Alison Mawby of KPC Youth with Val Scholey from Public Health Wales.

**BRIDGEND-BASED voluntary project, KPC Youth, has achieved a national award for its commitment to health and wellbeing at work.**

It received a Gold Small Workplace Health Award, a mark of best practice from the Welsh Government, which aims to recognise businesses and organisations that improve health and wellbeing in the workplace.

The award has three stages, bronze, silver and gold, and to achieve the award, organisations need to show that they have an understanding of core components such as health and safety and absence management, as well as healthy lifestyle topics such as healthy eating and healthy alcohol consumption.

KPC Youth was set up 13 years ago to provide the young people of Kenfig Hill, Pyle and Cornelly with activities to keep them off the streets. Since then the project has grown greatly in size and now provides a safe haven

for young people aged from eight to 25.

Thanks to fundraising efforts and support from the local community it has excellent facilities including an outdoor skate park, BMX track and multi-purpose games court, a computer suite, dance studio and arts and crafts room.

The organisation also offers accredited Open College Network qualifications and does outreach work with young people on the streets of Bridgend.

Project Manager for KPC Youth, Alison Mawby, explained: "Many of the topics covered in the Small Workplace Health Award are things that we already address with the young people who use the centre, so it felt like a natural progression for our staff to take on the challenge of achieving the Gold Award. Fulfilling the various healthy lifestyles topics really just meant ensuring that we practice what we preach."

## 'Speak up about plan to move Bridgend library' – regional AM urges residents

**THE public are being urged to make their views known on plans to move Bridgend town library it to the Recreation Centre.**

Suzy Davies, a regional AM for South Wales West, said that proposals by Bridgend County Borough Council to close the public library in Wyndham Street and transfer services to Bridgend Recreation Centre should be scrutinised closely by residents.

"It is an increasing trend for councils to try to put a number of services under one roof. BCBC has already created Life Centres which incorporate libraries and

leisure facilities at Pyle, Ogmere Vale and Pontycymer," said the Shadow Welsh Culture Secretary.

"But while it may make sense from a cost viewpoint in times of financial difficulty, the question we should be asking is whether it would provide library users with the level of service they need."

"I know that while the existing library in Bridgend, which was built with money from American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, is too small to meet current requirements, its location in the heart of Bridgend is excellent."

"It is accessible to people using public transport and is within easy walking distance of the bus station. The

new location, further away from the town centre, could present some problems for the elderly and disabled."

"Set against that is the fact that a new library would be larger and could offer a greater range of books and other services to users. There are definitely pros and cons here, so it is essential that people make their views known."

"I understand that while this proposal could save the council up to £400,000 a year, they are saying that this is not about money, but about the quality of service provided, which I welcome."

"There may also be concerns that moving the library could rob the town centre of people

and vitality."

"Removing at a stroke a significant number of people who visit the library each week will not help the shops and cafes which remain in the centre, and this should also be a consideration for the council."

Mrs Davies urged people to take part in the consultation which closes on September 21.

"If people have strong feelings either for or against this move, they must make those views known to the council."

"Councillors need to make their decision about the future of the library with the greatest possible knowledge of how the people who use the library actually feel."

### A GEM READER'S VIEW...

## 'Recreation centre not accessible to all borrowers' 'Library site belongs to the town – not borough council!'

**HERE WE GO AGAIN! Bridgend County Council, want to move our lovely Bridgend town library to the Recreation Centre.**

I wrote to you exactly two years ago on this same subject. I found a notice on the internet, dated August 30, 1907, which states that a free library for Bridgend was donated by Mr Andrew Carnegie, the American philanthropist, who funded libraries all over

the UK.

The ground was donated by the then Earl of Dunraven, so it does not belong to the CBC, but to the townspeople of Bridgend.

The people who decided, this obviously do not realise that the Recreation Centre is not readily accessible for people who live at the northern end of the town – only to those who live in the surrounding area.

This library has been in its present location, for more than a century and excellent successive

members of staff have served all the generations well since then.

The building and ground were given to the town, NOT to the council and so it must be kept in the town centre – not right out of

town.

Let us make sure that our children and grandchildren have a town centre library for many years to come.

G Roberts, Bridgend.

## DANCING AT OLYMPICS

**ANDY BURNETT from Pencoed has been selected to perform in the closing ceremony of the Olympics this coming summer.**

Graduating from Bath Spa University in 2011, Andy went on to audition for Pretty Good Girl Dance Theatre and was successful in gaining the dance position with the company while at the same time he auditioned to the 2012 ceremony and was also successful.

He currently works with Bridgend Youth Theatre and is working towards the next musical with the juniors, HONK which is being shown in Porthcawl Pavilion this month.

Andy's focus is now on the Olympics cere-



ANDY BURNETT money and "making the most of the experience".

Out of the thousands that audition, a selection of dancers were chosen to perform in this section of the closing ceremony. The dancers are working closely with the UK leading director, Kim Gavin, who has worked on tours such as Take That and the Princess Diana concert.

### NEWS FROM THE PORTHCRAWL PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

## Talking about the problems of caring...

**AT the June meeting of the Porthcawl Parkinson's Support Group (PPSG) an interesting talk was given by Mrs Catherine Morgan, on the subject of caring for someone with a long-term illness.**

She has been caring for her husband for 13 years.

In the talk, Mrs Morgan asked the thought-provoking question "Should you give help when you can see the patient struggling, or stand back and wait to be asked?"

Mrs Morgan also made the point about ensuring that patients took their medication on time. She told us of the

time her husband took the train to London and how, when he got to the station, he realised he had forgotten his medicine.

She had rushed home to fetch it and, on arriving back at the station, found the train just pulling out.

She threw the tablets at the on-board guard and asked him to give them to the man in carriage number three.

Our group would like to thank Mrs Morgan for an interesting talk.

All newcomers are welcome at the Porthcawl Parkinson's Support Group. For further information, telephone 01656 783071.

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# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Tournament**  
More exciting than Euro 2012, was the football tournament between the primary schools in the area and our local Neighbourhood Policing Team, captained by PCSO Nerys Lloyd.

During this summer, they have played some hard, fast and exciting games against teams from Cornelly Junior School, Ysgol Yr Ferch Primary School, Cornelly, Avon Yr Felin School, Cornelly, Pil Primary School, Pyle and Mynydd Cynffig Junior School, Kenfig Hill.

At first it didn't seem to be a fair competition, with the NRT team being so much bigger (and older), but this counted for nothing, as the only serious injury was picked up by PCSO Richard Couch when going in hard on one of the smaller opposition players. He came off worse and sustained a broken ankle in the second game of the tournament.

However, it was a most successful tournament, after which it was decided that due to their outstanding skill, effort and enthusiasm, Pil Primary School should get the best team award.

It was a difficult choice for the Pyle NPT to make, as all the schools who took part were excellent.

Pil Primary School were presented with a Welsh slate trophy by the Pyle NPT team Captain, Nerys Lloyd.

**Art winners**  
MYNYDD Cynffig Infants School was delighted when two members of the Pyle Community Council, chair Mrs Kay John and Gina Hooper visited to present prizes



## COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE

by **Richard Sims**

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to the children who had been invited to enter an art competition based on the Jubilee.

The whole school won a prize for a marvellous collaborative collage of Queen Elizabeth.

The prize – winners were: Lucy Dyde, Keiron Ferguson, Phoebe Gronow, Shayne Clemance and Corey Knight.

The school would like to thank the community council once again for its support.

## Wellbeing Centre

**ACTIVITIES** being held by the Mental Health Matters, Wales at the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill on Wednesday, July 18, include an introduction to the Hindu faith with Dhira from 1.30pm-3.30pm and the reading group from 3pm-4pm. There is a social afternoon from 1pm-5pm.

## Pyle Parish

THE next Bible study will be held in the church hall coffee shop on Friday, July 20, when they will be looking at the Epistle of James.

The Whist Club meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. They are a nice friendly group who enjoy a pleasant game of Whist. Everyone is welcome, so why not call in?

Mothers' Union – The team would like to remind everyone that there is a warm welcome extended to you at their branch of the Mothers' Union.

They join in Christian Fellowship as they learn, experience new things and enjoy themselves. The next meeting is on July 17 when a talk will be given by Margaret Jones on the Mothers' Union worldwide.

For details of events and activities in the parish, ring Rev Dr Duncan Walker on 01656 740500/07766 710373 or Gareth Gardner on 07779 239302.

**RIGHT:** PCSOs Richard Mathews, Nerys Lloyd (team captain), Jon Howe, Richard Couch (including broken ankle), with four players from Pil Primary School.



PCSOs with all the football players from Pil Primary School.



**RIGHT:** Pyle community councillors Kay John (chair) and Gina Hooper with prizewinners Lucy Dyde and Keiron Ferguson from year-2, Mynydd Cynffig Infants School.



## FIRST CLASS RESULTS FOR BUDDING MOVIE MAKERS

FOUR students who progressed from Bridgend College to the University of Glamorgan's Atrium in 2011 to complete the third year of their film degree have achieved first class degrees (seven first class degrees were awarded to the class of 29 students).

Kevin Wong (24) from Pencoed, Matthew Truelove (22) from

Pontypridd and Matthew Derrick (20) from Neath and Anthony Jones (46) from Porthcawl, spent four years studying full-time at Bridgend College.

They completed the two-year BTEC National Diploma in media production, followed by the two-year Foundation Degree in creative arts (film and video).

In addition to their academic success, Matthew Truelove, Kevin Wong & Matthew Derrick scooped the Glamorgan University 'Best Short Film Award' 2012 for their 15-minute drama 'Henry'.

The four students had to write, produce and direct a supernatural drama featuring a gifted pathologist. The end result was highly

praised at the Glamorgan Graduation Showcase, which took place at Chapter Arts Centre in June, where the students received their award from Gwawr Hughes, director of Creative Skillset Cymru.

The young filmmakers have set up their own company, Key Motion Media, and are already gaining a reputation for their techni-



The successful filmmakers at work.

cal excellence and quality. For their company showreel and to view the winning film, visit: [vimeo.com/keymotionmedia](http://vimeo.com/keymotionmedia). To find out more about the higher educa-

tion courses available at Bridgend College, call 01656 302302, visit: [www.bridgend.ac.uk/he](http://www.bridgend.ac.uk/he), or visit us at our HE Open Day on Friday, August 17.

## Who wants to build what and where in the county borough?

Biomet UK Ltd – Waterton Buildings, Bridgend – Install sterile unit and associated work areas and construct warehouse to hold finished goods and mezzanine floor for office.  
Mr Ryan Bevington – 12 West Road, Porthcawl, Bridgend – Demolish garage and sunroom/store and erect new single storey dining area/storage extension.  
Castle Leisure Ltd – Tremains Road, Bridgend – Proposed external courtyard shelter area to rear of existing unit.  
Mr Paul Moruzzi – 23 Park Court Road, Bridgend – retrospective consent of constructed dormer and lounge extension.  
Miss Rhian Kinsella – Rear 10 Pen-y-Fai Road, Aberkenfig – Proposed development of 3 no. garages to rear of 10/12 Pen-y-Fai Road.  
BCBC – Cheapside, Bridgend – Installation of two pieces of pub-

lic art work.  
Mrs S Davies – 34 Heol Croesty, Pencoed – First floor extension to accommodate ensuite bathroom and storage area.  
Maes yr Hall Primary School – Ffordd Tirion, Broadlands, Bridgend – Construction of two outside canopies.  
Mr and Mrs Roberts – 17 Curlew Close, Porthcawl – Two storey front extension.  
Mrs Alison Edmunds – 8 Taylor Road, Litchard – Rear dormer extension to existing loft bedroom.  
Mr Peter Roche – 30 High Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – Demolish existing garage and construct new double garage.  
Mr and Mrs D Scott – Adjoining 9 Monks Close, Pyle – Proposed semi-detached 1 bed house.  
Mr Huw Morris – 48 Commercial Street, Maesteg – change of use from shop (A3) to

flat (C3).  
Georgia Pacific – Bridgend Paper Mills, Llangynwyd, Maesteg – demolish two and single storey structures and transformer and erect 2 no. trans-former encs and GRP switch room cabin.  
Trustees of Tondy Methodist Church – Maesteg Road, Tondy – demolish porch, erect two-storey extension, access to first floor, install lift and mezzanine floor over hall and rooflights.  
Brackla Community Council – Two locations at Brackla Way (Spar and Triangle), Brackla – siting notice boards for display of community council information.  
Arcadia Group Ltd – 11-13 Caroline Street, Bridgend – replacement of existing signage.  
Mr Rob Sidney – 7 Longland Close, Pyle – fell sycamore tree.  
St Clares School – Clevis Lane, Porthcawl – removal of

Leylandii hedge.  
Mr Manfred Beckman – Scrumpious, 22 Penybont Road, Pencoed – change of use of first floor office space to self-contained residential unit (flat).  
Neville Court accommodation – 18 Lias Road and 13 Church Place, Porthcawl – extend no.18 for retail on ground floor and residential on first and second floors, c/u of no. 13 to private medical/health clinics.  
Mr Timothy Thomas – Cefn Parc, Stud Farm, Cefn Cribwr – Install a single small scale micro wind turbine on farmland.  
Penybont Real Estate Co Ltd – 59/61 John Street, Porthcawl – convert No.61 from shop to office and convert rear rooms of No.59/61 from stores and office to one living unit.  
Mr G Lee – 4 Whitehart Cottages, Llangynwyd – amend cat slide roof, rear ext store/plant and utility room, roof alteration

and new front window; amendment to P/11/127/FUL.  
Ms M Hodges – 6 Whitehart Cottages, Llangynwyd – side window to kitchen, re-model cat slide roof and new window to front; amendments to P/11/131/FUL.  
Ms Janet Morgan – Typica Farm, Heol Laethog, Bryncethin – lean-to extension for storage of winter fodder and modern harvest implements and workshop.  
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg LHB – Glanrhyd Hospital, Tondy Road, Pen-y-Fai – part demolition of hospital including felling of trees.  
Mrs Helen Barnes – 117 Ystrad Fawr, Cefn Glas – single storey extension and refurbishment of dwelling.  
Rhonda Cynon Taff CBC – Land n/w Coed Bychan Farmhouse, Llanharan, Pontyclun – obs for erection of

1 no. wind turbine and associated works.  
Mr G S Ball – 6 Hawthorne Drive, South Cornelly – detached garage.  
Mr Davies – 133 Merlin Crescent, Cefn Glas – front and rear dormers in roof space.  
Mr and Mrs Biggs – 137 Ffordd y Parc, Litchard – conservatory to rear of property.  
Mrs L Florence – 12 Carreg Llwyd, Broadlands – garage conversion and extension.  
Mr K Hemming – 48 Cefn Glas Road, Bridgend – proposed dormer extension.  
Mr Jonathan Mayshar – 12 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill – new roof design to provide additional accommodation; re-submission of refusal P/11/929/FUL.



## Staff innovations celebrated at local university accolade



Professor Jean White, chief nursing officer, Welsh Government, presents Bridgend's advanced nurse practitioners with their 'Practice Innovation Unit' plaque.

**BRIDGEND'S** elderly care advanced nurse practitioners are being rewarded for their initiatives to improve patient care by a local university.

Along with Morriston's cardiac intensive care unit, the practitioners have made changes to their services which are improving patient experience.

As a result, both teams have been named as practice innovation units by Swansea University.

This status acknowledges clinical facilities across both ABM and Hywel Dda Health Boards, which are working to provide better patient care. Units work together as a network to support and learn from each other.

Win Griffiths, Chairman of ABMU Health Board, said: "I have been delighted to hear of the work by both teams and it is great that they have been recognised as Practice Innovation Units.

"I am confident they will continue to improve patient care in coming years, and I hope other teams will pick up the principles on which they work."

Among the initiatives developed by Bridgend's advanced nurse practitioners is a sticker for inpatient drug charts, prompting staff to assess elderly patients before and after they take pain medication.

This highlights if the dose needs to be adjusted, as the right pain control helps the patient to progress with their rehabilitation, so they can recover more quickly and prepare for discharge.

Advanced nurse practitioner, Wendy Mashlan, said: "We have been working hard to develop initiatives to further develop the care we provide. The award is recognition of the team's hard work."

## Local woman walks 500 miles in charity trek for Ty Hafan



ABOVE: The road sign that marks the start of the pilgrims' trek.

**A LOCAL woman has completed a mammoth charity walk in aid of the Ty Hafan children's hospice.**

Dan Cole set herself the challenge of tackling the 'pilgrim walk' from southern France to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain.

It involved walking a total of 780km, at a time of year when temperatures in Spain were rising past 30 degrees Celsius.

In the final stages of the walk, when Dawn was just 40kms from Santiago de Compostela, she told The GEM: "My walk has taken me through several regions.

"The first was Navarra, where I started in St Pied de Port in southern France, which took me over the Pyrenees and into Spain.

"The walk over the Pyrenees was very special, the first part being extremely steep, but the rest was amazing.

"Walking above the clouds was out of this world! At a coffee stop there I discovered I was the first Welsh person going over this year.

"Next was La Rioja

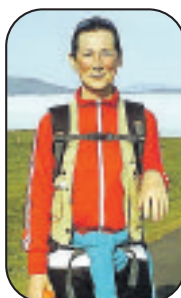
region, famous for its wine, where the walks took me through vineyards and in this region I managed to cover 30km in a day – from Logrono to Najera.

"The next region was Castilla y Leon. The first few days were a variety of climbs and lovely countryside, but from Burgos-Leon, this part is called the Meseta (table) and is quite flat."

Dawn said that because of the heat, she made an early start each day and tried to reach her destination by noon, as there is little shade to be found.

She continued: "I have now been in Galicia for six days. It's great walking here for me, as it's so much like Wales."

She reflected: "The walk has been an amazing experience, but a bit of a blur right now, as you walk, sleep, wash clothes, eat, then sleep again before rising around 5.30am and doing it all over again.



Dawn Cole in the Pyrenees.

"The majority of the paths have quite difficult and very pebbly, and the mountains were very challenging.

"However, walking through the beautiful medieval hamlets, and a countryside filled with poppies, butterflies and the green fields and trees, framed against a turquoise sky, has been sublime."

She added: "To step outside our stressful lives and be free, walking in nature for a while, helps to bring life into perspective, as we connect with the bigger picture and realise how silly we are to become concerned over petty things."

Anyone wishing to acknowledge Dawn's walk by donating to Ty Hafan can do so through the Porthcawl restaurant, The Bay (telephone 01656 785575).

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## Band night showcases talent at KPC Youth

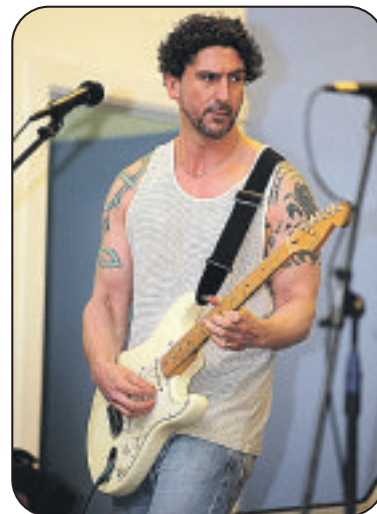
**MEMBERS** and supporters of KPC Youth, the Pyle-based charity, recently took part in a 'band night' at Pyle Leisure Centre.

It was a chance for young musicians to get experience playing in front of a live audience.

They then had the chance to join the audience and watch the 'old hands' show them how it's done!

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# NOTTAGE PRIMARY CELEBRATES 60th BIRTHDAY - WITH A RE-ENACTMENT



First Minister Carwyn Jones, Mayor Coun Marlene Thomas and consort, Bridgend, Coun Alana Davies, Mayor of Porthcawl and Miss S O'Halloran, headteacher at Nottage Primary School.



**THE 60th anniversary of the opening of Nottage Primary School, Porthcawl, and the closing of The National School, Lias Road (where the Co-operative is now), Porthcawl took place recently.**

Even though it was raining, it failed to dampen the spirits on the day. The occasion was celebrated with a march, as was done 10 years ago, and 60 years ago, when Mr Perkins, the headmaster of the National School, locked the doors and the pupils marched to their brand new Nottage Primary School.

On Monday July 2, the march started at 2pm outside the Sorting Office, Gordon Road, with the excellent Gorseion ATC Band leading. Many hundreds of former pupils of the National School and Nottage Primary School, as well as present pupils and teachers, also took part.

On arriving at Nottage primary, head-teacher Miss S O'Halloran thanked all who had organised the day; Ken Whyte, Lana Stradling, Lynne Morgan and Phillip Rixon, and praised the

ATC Band for playing in such bad weather. Miss O'Halloran then introduced the First Minister Carwyn Jones AM for a re-enactment of the opening of the school, as it was performed by Cyril Phillips, Chairman of Porthcawl Urban District Council 60 years ago.

Mr Jones said a few words before getting the present pupils to count him down to cutting the tape.

The Mayor of Porthcawl then thanked the First Minister and all for attending. This was followed by Rev Colin Richards giving a blessing to all past, present and future pupils.

There was a nice surprise when the two youngest pupils at Nottage Primary School, Tomos Jones and Seren Rees, presented the oldest living lady ex-pupil of the National School, Mrs L Saunders (96) with a bouquet of flowers.

The school was then opened to the public for an exhibition of the registers and photographs on show in the hall and light refreshments. It was a good day enjoyed by all!



The oldest living pupil of The National School, Mrs L Saunders (96) receives her bouquet from the youngest pupils at Nottage Primary School, Tomos Jones and Seren Rees.

## Festival poems and pints...

**Sustainable Wales is organising a 'Poems & Pints' at the Café Bar, Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, at 8pm, on Friday, July 20, as part of the Porthcawl Sea Festival.**

Readers include: Robert Minninnick, who will be launching his 'New Selected Poems' (Carcanet); Rhian Edwards, who will be reading from her new volume,

'Clueless Dogs' (Seren) and David Lloyd, a poet and creative writing tutor, from the USA, currently on tour in Wales. All three writers will be available to sign their books.

Photographer Peter Morgan will also be showcasing some of his work. Entry is by charitable donation to Sustainable Wales.

Contact: robertm@phonecoop.co.uk, or 01656 773627 for more information.

## CHOIR IN CONCERT

**BRIDGEND Male Choir (National Eisteddfod winners 2004 and 2006) will be performing in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, on Friday, August 3 at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adult, £3 students, from Graham Morgan, Old White Hart, Llantwit Major (01446 790132 or 07948 485325).**

## Tributes paid to Professor Dafydd Stephens Patriot whose work enhanced worldwide reputation of Welsh Hearing Institute

**ON July 2, Professor Dafydd Stephens passed away on the eve of his 70th birthday, after a weekend with his children and older grandchildren.**

Professor Stephens was well known locally and internationally for both his work in audiological medicine and his active work in the local branch of Plaid Cymru.

Vale Plaid member, Wynford Bellin, contacted The GEM to pay his respects to a remarkable man.

He said: "In 1986, Professor Dafydd Stephens came to direct the newly-established Welsh Hearing Institute/Athrofa Clyw Cymru at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. The family settled in Llanmaes and quickly became an integral part of the community."

"Dafydd already had an international reputation in audiological medicine and had developed enablement and rehabilitation services for the previous 10 years in London."

"At the same time, his reputation for basic hearing research was just as impressive."

"This brought him many honours and invitations to universities and institutes all over the world."

"Nevertheless, Dafydd was renowned for his patient-centred

approach and was just as community-oriented as Janig, his wife, and the three children (Morwena, Erwan and Rhiannon).

"Dafydd served for 25 years on the community council, and was chairman for four periods in that time."

"Since his student days he had been an active member of Plaid Cymru and, in the Vale, chaired the Cowbridge and Llantwit Major branch."

"He was a stalwart campaigner for many progressive causes - most recently in the campaign against turning St Athan into a defence academy, and against exploration that could lead to fracking in the Vale."

### RESPECT

Other Plaid Cymru members were keen to express their respect for Professor Stephens, with the party's spokesman for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, adding his tribute.

He told The GEM: "Dafydd was a remarkable man who was highly principled and well informed in his opposition to unacceptable environmental and military challenges to the community's way of life."

"Debating with Dafydd, in public and private, was always a pleasure, because he was willing to challenge the status quo or the mainstream viewpoint and offer alternatives



Professor Dafydd Stephens made a massive contribution to Wales, both in a professional capacity and also as a member of the local community.

that could lead to a fairer and better world, thanks to his pragmatic idealism."

"My thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time."

Dinas Powys councilor, Chris Franks, added: "Dafydd was a man of great integrity and totally committed to public service in Wales. This included his professional duties and work on behalf of Plaid Cymru."

"He was never afraid to speak his mind about the official policies of Plaid and was always loyal to the interests of Wales. He always spoke up for his community."

"He had an international reputation and was very respected by his fellow professionals. I shall miss him as a friend and a good patriot."

Staff at the Welsh Hearing Institute were keen to pay tribute to all

the work Dr Stephens did in promoting their cause worldwide, saying: "The reputation of the Welsh Hearing Institute is world renowned due to the work of Professor Dafydd Stephens in the field of audiological rehabilitation."

"He was instrumental in the development of audiological services not only in Wales, but throughout the world."

"During his time at the Welsh Hearing Institute, he undertook research, locally and worldwide, his findings were widely published to help improve the lives of those living with hearing loss and associated problems."

"His friendly, accessible, supportive and caring attitude towards his patients, administrative staff and colleagues is appreciated throughout the speciality and he will be greatly missed."



# COUNCILLORS HIT OUT AT 18-MONTH DELAY IN TAKING DECISION AS... Tesco pulls out of Porthcawl regeneration

**AFTER months of speculation, the supermarket giant Tesco has pulled the plug on plans to develop a large area of Porthcawl.**

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) confirmed last week that the company will no longer be going ahead with plans to build a store in Porthcawl.

The building of the store was billed as the 'trigger' for a mixed development of apartments, retail units and community buildings on Salt Lake Car Park – and that plan is also now in limbo.

The Tesco financial juggernaut was at the height of its powers when it outbid all-comers, offering BCBC £7 million to put a superstore on Hillsboro Place car park. The development plans for Salt Lake were in the hands of Chelverton Deeley Freed Ltd.

However, recent trading results led to Tesco announcing a review of its store opening programme, and all the signs pointed to Porthcawl as a likely casualty.

In a statement, a BCBC spokesman said: "The decision follows a long period where Tesco has been reconsidering its commitment to the scheme, which forms part of the wider Porthcawl Regeneration Strategy – and a recent ultimatum from the authority, which made it clear that any further delay would not be acceptable to the council or the community of Porthcawl."

The statement went on to say that, while waiting for the Tesco decision, BCBC officers had been preparing contingency plans –

inevitably referred to locally as 'Plan B'.

An outline of these plans seems to focus on BCBC going ahead and doing the "necessary infrastructure works" – using a mixture of grant aid and borrowings.

The BCBC Leader, Coun Mel Nott, said: "While we appreciate that many people may be disappointed at Tesco's decision, it is important to remember that the foodstore element forms just one part of the council's regeneration plans for the resort, and that other projects remain unaffected."

"For example, work will begin later this month on the transformation of the harbour area, a £3.2m project that will see the construction of a new lock gate, an extended breakwater wall and a permanent body of water inside the harbour basin that will provide 70 permanent berths for commercial and leisure craft, including visitor and tourist boats.

"When the harbour reopens in spring next year as the all-new Porthcawl Marina, it will link in with the council's regeneration plans for Jennings Building and the leisure site north of the harbour to form the centrepiece of a new waterfront area."

Coun Ken Watts represents the Newton ward and is the only Conservative on BCBC.

He said: "This is a great shame for the people of Porthcawl, and it has been made worse by Tesco taking so long to decide. I know that BCBC has so far spent around £500,000 on this project, and I would be interested to know if there is a mechanism for getting any of that back."

## REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

He continued: "One thing that would really make me angry in the future is if Tesco were allowed back to bid for the supermarket site after BCBC has done all the infrastructure work."

"People in the town disagree over which supermarket they would like, but I doubt if anyone would want a Tesco now. However, I fear there may be nothing stopping them re-entering the bidding process."

Porthcawl has four independent councillors: Graham Walter, Brian Jones, Mark Davies and Sean Aspey, and shortly after the May elections, The GEM was taken to task in its letters' column for describing them as the 'Porthcawl First party'.

They were, we were assured, all totally independent.

On this matter, however, they felt sufficiently of one mind to issue a joint press statement, which made clear how angry they were.

The statement said they believed that the people of Porthcawl would back a petition to force a boundary change, saying: "The frustration felt by people in the town could well spill over into a move to leave Bridgend for a different authority, if BCBC refuse to come and listen to local people."

One of the four independents, Coun Graham Walter, was not prepared to join those blaming Tesco. He said: "I am angry that BCBC have spent many thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money since launching the Seven Bays Project

five years ago, and have achieved precisely nothing."

"This announcement is, of course, nothing to do with Tesco. It's about the management of the project from day one. The project was flawed, because it didn't capture what the people of our town wanted to see, and was too dependent upon one large investment."

Coun Brian Jones said "If BCBC really cared about the hopes and aspirations of the people of Porthcawl, they would scrap the 2007 plans and start again."

"They should come here and really listen to what local people, our younger citizens and traders want to see from any regeneration; we need a genuine ground up consultation with a series of public meetings."

Although the Labour party is in total control of BCBC, after the May elections, it has no borough councillors in Porthcawl, after the current town mayor, Coun Alana Davies, lost her seat.

She was criticised in some quarters for her steadfast support for BCBC's regeneration plans – something which must have been a factor in her defeat.

She said: "I believe that cash grants are available to help with the infrastructure work, and this will make the site more attractive to developers."

"I understand people's disappointment, but this was a Tesco problem, and it is not the end of regeneration."

"The plans were good plans and there was public consultation at the time they were drawn up. We need to go with them rather than back to square one."

Lib Dem councillor Norah Clarke said that she shared people's disappointment, but felt that positive things were still happening in the town.

She said: "The harbour project is positive, and so is the redevelopment of the YMCA in John Street."

She said she supported the idea of a public meeting to give people a say and added: "It at least gives other supermarkets a chance to review the situation and come forward."

"It would be good to

have one that would draw people into the town, rather than just stop locals going elsewhere. That would be better for other Porthcawl businesses as well."

Shadow Welsh Regeneration Minister Byron Davies has called for the financial agreement which underpinned the Tesco development to be re-examined.

He said: "There were already a lot of question marks hanging over the Porthcawl regeneration strategy before this latest news."

"I have met members of Porthcawl Civic Trust Society and Porthcawl Shout on two occasions to discuss their concerns."

"I have raised these issues in a series of letters to BCBC, although I am still waiting for a reply to one sent last November – some eight months ago."

"There are now new questions that must be answered. What about the owners' agreement between BCBC and the private owners?"

Is it still in force? The whole financial basis upon which the agreement was based is now in question.

"I am also worried that the council is considering funding and building the new roads and other infrastructure needed on the supermarket site."

"Who pays? The costs could be substantial and if the council undertakes this work without a definite buyer lined up, council taxpayers could end up spending millions with no guaranteed return."

"Also, will the private owners be expected to find some of this money? They were due to get a high proportion of the profits from Phase 1a of the scheme. Otherwise it will be the council taxpayers who will take all the risks while the private owners take their profits."

"I will be writing to BCBC and expect answers promptly. Otherwise, I will be asking the District Auditor to investigate."

On the subject of the owners' agreement, a BCBC spokesman told The GEM: "The landowner agreement will require some amendments to reflect the proposed changes."

## Community group calls for changes to 'dangerous road'



The pedestrian refuge in question, with the damaged car behind it. PICTURE BY GARY VICTOR.

**A LOCAL community group are again campaigning for improvements to be made to the "most dangerous road in Porthcawl", after an accident involving a car hitting a pedestrian refuge on Tuesday (July 10).**

Porthcawl SHOUT have been campaigning for more than three years to see the Trief kerbs installed in the centre of Fulmar Road as traffic calming measures removed – as they believe them unsuitable for the task.

They believe that the kerb's design is not compatible with a car's wheel height, meaning that there is a high chance cars will flip end-to-end if they hit the kerb at the wrong angle.

Chairman Gary Victor spoke to The GEM and provided a three-page report on their findings.

He said: "The design is flawed and people are paying the price with accidents."

"The accident was a solo driver, and it was a full contact collision with the Trief kerb."

"SHOUT are concerned that the wrong tool was picked for the job and the whole thing is a little bit amateurish. The danger of getting injured is too high, especially if you are not wearing a seatbelt."

"Nobody is grabbing road safety by the scruff of the neck and looking at it."

The group claim that Trief kerbs, manufactured to protect installations such as bridge parapets, lorry parks and bus stations against large HGV wheel overrun, and to deflect wandering vehicles back on to the right path, are unsuitable for use in the centre of the road, as is the case on Fulmar Road.

Their report states: "These kerbs are not 'safely redirecting cars back on to the carriageway', but are making them somersault at the

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impact point.

"The advice to 'steer away' on a three-metre wide road would mean either driving across the pavement or into oncoming traffic."

A police spokesperson said of the Tuesday morning incident: "Police received reports of an RTC on Fulmar Road, Porthcawl, at approximately 8.10am this morning."

"A Toyota Yaris was in collision with bollards at a pedestrian crossing. No further vehicles were involved. It looks like the vehicle rolled on its side rather than end-to-end flipped."

Police also confirmed that it is the third reported accident on Fulmar Road in the year June 2011-2012, but that it was the first reported incident involving the pedestrian refuges.

A spokesman for BCBC said: "The Trief kerbs are an accredited design and have been in use throughout the UK for the last 40 years."

"In Fulmar Road, they were installed as part of the bus corridor works, in order to provide safe pedestrian

crossing points along this busy road.

"We are currently looking at existing safety measures in Fulmar Road. If this highlights any issues, we will take further appropriate action as required."

Bretts Concrete, manufacturers of the Trief kerbs, also backed the Trief kerbs for this use.

A spokesman told The GEM: "It is difficult to comment without actually seeing a copy of the report."

"However, I find it difficult to see that there could be many instances of cars travelling within the 30mph urban speed limit flipping over as a result of hitting the Trief kerb."

"Trief is referred to as a containment kerb because it has been specifically designed to safely contain a vehicle within the carriageway in areas where 85 per cent of vehicle speeds are below 40mph – which makes it very useful for pedestrian and cycle protection in urban spaces."

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• To find out why these local pupils were dressed in their vintage finest, please turn to page 8.



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS



ABOVE: The photographs on this page show pupils at Brynmenyn Primary at the school's centenary celebrations. (See article below 'School's Centenary').



## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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## OGMORE VALLEY LADIES CHOIR.

**THIS magnificent group has raised over £63,000 since 1998 for a number of charities.**

On Tuesday, July 17, noon to 5pm, they will be holding a garden fete in the grounds of the home of Clive and Lydia Davies, Factory House, Blackmill.

There will be a number of stalls selling craft items, traditional strawberry and cream teas etc. All money raised will go towards the choir's charity of the year, the Alzheimer's Society.

## MAESTEG TOWN HALL

I would like to thank Bethan and Ruth for this information.

Take Note, a choir recently formed in Maesteg amazed the audience in a concert under the direction of Richard Norton, starting with the classic 'O Fortuna' which really showcased the choir.

The remainder of the first act was a mixture of ballads including 'Make you feel my love' by Bob Dylan, and the only Welsh song of the concert 'Hafan Gobaith' by Delyth Rees, among many more.

The finale was a song called 'Human Bolero', which as you can imagine by the title is the classic bolero by Ravel mixed with The Killers' 'Human'.

Act two started with 'Circle of Life' sung by

soloist Lauren Goldsworthy who was truly outstanding, with the choir adding accompaniment. The choir then moved onto Carly Simon's 'Let the River Run' by soloist Trudy Williams, who was the equal of Lauren.

Next were special guests Curtain Up youth theatre. Many of the choir, including, Richard Norton are members of Curtain Up.

The seniors were amazing as usual, singing a selection of songs, including 'California Dreamin', 'I believe I can fly', and 'Lean on me'. Under the direction of Ruth Whelan and Sarah Thomas, they just go from strength to strength.

Take Note returned for a selection of classic songs including 'Downtown' by Petula Clark and 'Go West' by the Pet Shop Boys. One really had to be there to witness this spectacular section, as the choir were in denim and check shirts with some very special extras created by Richard Norton.

Act three - the rock section - included a Cold Play and Katy Perry mix of 'Viva la Vida Firework' (with actual rockets going off at the end). The Queen medley really had the audience going, followed by 'We're not gonna take it', 'We built this city', and Journey's 'Don't stop believing'.

To raise money for these charities there will be a 'Summer Party' with strawberries and cream at Heronsbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend on Sunday, July 15, 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

The audience gave a

standing ovation and rightly so.

The encore was 'Stay' by Shakespeare's Sister. The lighting and special effects just added to a truly eventful evening, with full credit to Jonathan and Laura Davies for their hard work.

The lighting effects alone took three days to set up, which goes to show how dedicated the choir and town hall staff were in putting on this show.

## CURTAIN UP

This youth theatre group is looking for youngsters aged 12 to 18 who would like to take part in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Auditions are in Maesteg Town Hall next Sunday (July 15) at 11am. For more information phone 01656 732855.

## CHARITY PARTY

**THE Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Marlene Thomas, will be supporting the following charities during her term of office Emmaus South Wales - The homeless charity that works, Breast Cancer @ The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend & District Stroke Association and Bridgend Riding for the Disabled**

To raise money for these charities there will be a 'Summer Party' with strawberries and cream at Heronsbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend on Sunday, July 15, 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Entertainment will be provided by Dawnsywr Pen-y-Bont Dancers, Cŵr Aelwyd Porthcawl (recent finalists in the Urdd Welsh Youth National) Eisteddfod)



and 'El Trio'

Tickets are £5 (children free). For further information and tickets, contact Mrs Mari Major (01656) 664105 or Mr Doug John (01656) 861594

## BRACKLA COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Brackla Community Chorus is holding its annual summer concert at the centre tomorrow, Friday July 13, at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm).

The guests artists are the Archbishop McGrath Roman Catholic school band and orchestra. Tickets are £4, obtainable at the door.

## HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

A project to help obese people lose weight in Bridgend county borough has been presented with a top award from NHS Wales.

The weight management programme scooped the award for promoting better health and avoiding disease at a recent ceremony in Cardiff and is the result of a partnership between Bridgend County Borough Council, Public Health Wales, ABM University Health Board and the Cwm Garw GP Practice.

As well as using GP surgeries to offer support and expert advice about diet and ways of achieving a healthier lifestyle, the weight management programme also provides people with access to swimming pools and fitness and exercise suites run by the council's partners HALO Leisure.

The scheme is being extended throughout the county borough, following its success in the Garw Valley.

The first 43 people to take part lost an average of 7.2kg each - an average BMI reduction of seven per cent - while 25 people achieved an overall weight loss of five per cent or more.

## OGMORE VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr Paul Booth would like to thank everyone associated with the PTA for organising the school fete.

It was an enormous success and more than £1,300 was raised.

Once again the sports day is scheduled for July 12 (today).

## BRIDGEND MALE CHOIR

The choir was honoured to be invited to take part in the celebration of Armed Forces Day in the Welsh capital city at Cooper's Field, Cardiff.

The event, which included a Drumhead Service and a half-hour spot by the choir, was very well attended, underlining once again the widespread support in the community for our servicemen and women.

The occasion was the first opportunity for the choir's newly-appointed deputy musical director, Stephanie Bailey, to lead the choir, and she did a wonderful job.

On Sunday, July 1, the choir was again more than happy to be at Ogmores Castle field for this year's Mair's Walk.

This was the sixth successful walk held in support of Velindre Cancer Ward and it was attended by Carwyn Jones the First Minister, Huw Llewellyn Davies, Emyr Lewis and Rupert Moon, former Welsh international rugby players.

The choir sang as



part of the festivities and fund-raising activities that followed the walk.

In the weeks ahead the choir's busy programme continues with three further concerts before the end of July.

Last Saturday, July 7, at 7.30pm, the choir sang at Llantrisant Parish Church as one of the highlights of a Flower Festival Charity weekend.

## TONDU PRIMARY

Mrs Susan Pilcher, the headteacher, invites all parents and friends to Usk class year-6 pupils' leavers' assembly at 10.20am on Friday, July 13.

Everyone is invited to join the pupils and staff afterwards for a cup of tea or coffee.

On Wednesday, July 18, the school's children will be celebrating the Citizenship Awards at Aberkenfig Bible Church at 2pm.

The Citizenship Award helps the children to understand what they can do to make a contribution to their home, school and community, both locally and in the wider world. All pupils will receive a bronze, silver or gold

award, depending on the level of their involvement.

## SCHOOL'S CENTENARY

Last Thursday I was honoured to be invited to attend the celebrations for the 100 years since Brynmenyn Primary School came into existence.

It was originally housed in the Parish Hall in Bryn Road, but soon after moved to the building where it is now.

Each class covered different decades with their performance on the stage.

The effort made by the staff and the relatives of the children to attire them in appropriate costumes was amazing, and everyone deserves congratulations for the results.

(SEE MORE PICTURES OF THE EVENT ON PAGE 26).

**ABERKENFIG AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**  
Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute celebrated its 31st anniversary on June 13 with a Jubilee-inspired tea

party.

The members all had a good time and didn't miss the absence of fish paste sandwiches, which would have been a delicacy in 1953 on Coronation Day.

Two new ladies dropped in to sample the meeting and the members were hoping they will come again to the next meeting.

The WI is planning a trip to the Welsh Botanical Gardens on August 8 and there will be a few seats available on the coach at a cost of £5. Entry to the gardens is £6.

At the July 11 meeting, speaker Alan Thorne's subject was 'Myths Makers'.

New members and visitors are always welcome at the meetings of Aberkenfig WI, which take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig.

For further details please contact Secretary Pat Lewis on 01656 721933 or more information including a full programme of meetings can also be found on the Bridgend Cobwebs website: www.cobwebs.co.uk under the letter 'A'.

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## Youth Games go down a storm!



Cabinet members of the council, Deputy Mayor Coun Clive James, Ospreys scrum half Rhys Webb, torchbearers, Paralympian Neil Robinson, Youth Mayor Christopher Walburn and games partners at the recent Youth Games.

**TWELVE Olympic Torchbearers and Ospreys and Wales rugby starlet Rhys Webb came along to Bridgend Recreation Centre to support the opening of the Sony UK Tec Youth Games 2012.**

More than 1,000 young competitors welcomed the guests to the stage to help launch the games, which are organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's Active Young People Department.

The opening ceremony also

included a performance from Cardiff-based street dance crew, Jukebox Juniors. The group wowed the on-looking crowd with the flips and tricks that saw them reach final of Sky1's 'Got to Dance' talent show.

12 of the borough's secondary schools took part in this year's games, which featured a varied day of sport inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a number of competitions, including athletics, basketball, football and rugby.

Council Leader, Coun Mel

Nott, said: "Today has been a fantastic event and it was great to see so many young people competing in a range of sports."

The young competitors also had the opportunity to speak to the Olympic torchbearers about their inspirational experiences and to see their Olympic Torches up close. The pupils discovered the Olympic and Paralympic values and learned how respect, excellence, friendship, courage, determination, inspiration and equality can be applied both to sport and to everyday life.

One of Bridgend's torch-

bearers, Alan Acreman, said: "It was great to be invited to today's event by the council. It's been a fantastic day despite the adverse weather, and I'm glad that the rain didn't manage to dampen the young people's competitive spirit."

75-year-old Alan is no stranger to rising above adversity, keeping fit by running, cycling or walking most days despite having had a pacemaker fitted. He cycled 70 kilometres and ran seven miles to celebrate his 70th birthday.

## School marks its centenary at Brynmenyn

**PUPILS and teachers have held a day of centenary celebrations to mark Brynmenyn Primary's 100th birthday.**

The foundations for the existing school were laid a century ago, with pupils officially joining 'Brynmenyn Council School' in January 1913. On July 5, the school opened its doors to guests. In the morning there was a special assembly with narration and performances by children from every class, watched by Ogmere AM Janice Gregory, borough Deputy Mayor Clive James and governors.

Also present was Roger Penn, the great nephew of legendary local heroine Sarah Jane Howell, who died 100 years ago in a heroic attempt to save a local child Bertie Gubbins when the River Ogwr was in full flood.

Bertie had accidentally kicked his football into the river and jumped in to get it out, but immediately got into trouble. Brave Sarah Jane

jumped in after him and was able to push him to the bank, saving his life. Unfortunately, she was swept down river and drowned, but her memory lives on in the school with an annual award ceremony in her name.

The school was then open to the public with an opportunity to visit each class to see work on different decades and view some of their performances again. Children dressed up in costumes from the decade they have been studying. Visitors also had a chance to see a display by the school and local history society in the main hall and view the beautiful mosaic celebrating the last 100 years, created by junior pupils and mosaic artist David Bowers.

Headteacher Clare Dale said: "We are all very excited about the centenary celebrations. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different decades and were looking forward to sharing their work with the community."

## Campaign to get people off the sofa!



Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Jane Wilkinson, joined pupils at Newton Primary School to introduce people to the Games4Life campaign.

**A CAMPAIGN has been launched in Porthcawl by the Welsh Government aimed at using the legacy of the Olympics, Paralympics and other televised sport to inspire everyone to become more active.**

Games4Life promotes simple, no-cost, informal games designed to help children achieve a target of 60 active minutes a day and adults 150 active minutes a week. The initiative comes against the background of newly released figures from the Welsh Health Survey showing that around one third of children and over half of Welsh adults are classified as overweight or obese.

The survey also revealed that fewer than one in three adults reported doing at least 30 minutes of exercise on five or more days a week, and only 52 per cent of children reported doing at least 60 minutes a day.

Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr

Jane Wilkinson, joined children from Newton Primary School, Porthcawl, to try out the games ideas suggested in the Games4Life programme.

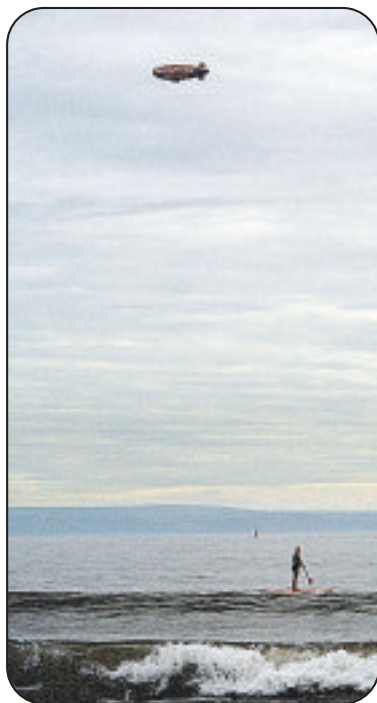
She said: "We all know how important it is to lead a healthy life, but surveys reveal that many adults and children

spend much of the day being inactive.

"Getting your heart pumping every day can help prevent heart disease, cancer, stroke and type 2 diabetes, improve mental health and relieve stress."

For more information, visit: [www.change4life-wales.org.uk](http://www.change4life-wales.org.uk).

## AIRSHIP OVER THE HARBOUR!



**THIS fine shot of the Goodyear Airship crossing Porthcawl harbour, en route to Bristol, was taken by Malcolm Nugent at 8.15pm on Thursday, July 5, at Newton beach.**

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## Rotarians present young carers' award

**RIGHT:** Alison Meredith-Jones receives the Rotary Club of Bridgend's (Harvey Palmer) Community Award on behalf of Bridgend Young Carers.

**BRIDGEND** Rotarians have presented a community award to Mrs Alison Meredith-Jones, of Action for Children & Young Carers', representing young carers in the borough.

Alison said they currently have 50 young carers on their books, and sadly there is a waiting list.

Bridgend Rotarians are in awe of these young, and sometimes very young children with adult responsibilities, and despite supporting their Christmas parties, and a day-trip in the summer, it's a marginal respite for these remarkable young Bridgend citizens.

Rotarian Catherine Lewis presented the award, which was established by her grandfather, Harvey Palmer.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Bridgend, visit: [www.rotarybridgend.org.uk](http://www.rotarybridgend.org.uk).

**DIANNE HUBBARD**



## Set for Blooming Great Tea Party

**ANDY WILLIAMS and the team from Whittard of Chelsea at Bridgend Designer Outlet are holding a Blooming Great Tea Party to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care, and everyone is invited.**

The tea party, which is taking place at the store on Friday July 20 from 10am, includes a raffle to win a Whittard of Chelsea hamper.

All the money raised will help Marie Curie nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes or one of the

charity's hospices.

Whittard Bridgend's tea party is part of many others that are taking place across the country this June and July as part of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Blooming Great Tea Party campaign.

If you would like to hold your own tea party, call 08700 340 040, or visit:

[www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty) for your free Blooming Great Tea Party fundraising pack. To get help from the Marie Curie Nursing Service, talk to your GP, district nurse or discharge nurse. For more information, visit: [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk).

## Neighbourhood Blue Light disco

**ON June 29, Bridgend Neighbourhood Team members, PCSOs Christian Freeth, Heather Dobbs, Lisa Moore and Police Volunteer Becky John, held a Blue Light disco for children in the Bryntirion, Cefn Glas, Newcastle and Broadlands areas.**

The event was held at the OCLP Club, Bryntirion, and was described as a huge success, with more than 130 young people present.

Six lucky children

won £10 Odeon vouchers after winning the best dance competition.

PCSO Freeth said: "I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mike and Avril, who let us use the club as a venue for the disco, it was the perfect location for this event."

"We are overwhelmed by the number of children attending the disco and it seems that they all enjoyed themselves and had a great time."

"We will be holding another Blue Light disco in the near future with more fun, games and prizes to be won."

**GC**



## LETTERS EXTRA... Monarchy v Republic

## 'Presidents can be voted out!'

**I**N response to Mr Gerwyn Thomas' question, 'Who would be President?' (GEM letters, July 5) he, and so many others, miss the point completely by equating an elected head of state with a US or French-style presidency.

A republican Britain would have exactly the same system of government as we now have, with legislative and executive power resting in a parliament of elect-

ed MPs, led by a prime minister with his/her cabinet of secretaries of state.

The president would merely replace the monarch for mainly ceremonial purposes as head of state.

The advantage would be that we could then claim to be a true democracy, where any citizen can stand for election as head of state, instead of that office being permanently and inaccessibly carried in a single family by mere accident of birth.

And as the president would have no more legislative or executive

powers than the current monarch, it should give no cause for concern if Blair, Brown, Clegg, Cameron, Johnson or Livingstone, were to be elected the president.

Life would be no different than it is now, because we would not be 'under' them at all, and they can, unlike the monarch, be replaced at the polling booth if we don't like them.

And if Mr Thomas is so confident that a referendum would favour the monarchy, why maintain a "dignified silence"?

Let's have the referendum and see whether he or Mr Leat is right!

As to what we would call ourselves: how about *United Nations of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*?

See? Simple really, just replace the 'kingdom' with 'nations', or something similarly descriptive!

Lastly, with reference to the remark about "strident pro-republicans", judging by the language of recent correspondence on this issue it would appear that the stridency, as well as even hysteria, emanates from the pro-monarchists.

**Marc Delaney, Barry.**

## 'More rights as a European citizen?'

**I**N reply to Gerwyn Thomas (The GEM, July 5) I would like him to consider the following: France and Germany have elected heads of state and are far wealthier and have higher standards of living than Britain.

We are told the royal family brings money into this country. Well, how much, and what was your share?

We are told they attract tourists, but how many tourists meet the royal family? They come to look at buildings and landmarks.

The French royal palace is the most visited tourist attraction in Europe and we all know what France did to its monarchy and

aristocracy. The royal family and aristocracy own vast areas of land stolen from us in the past by their ancestors. They take a cut of anything produced on that land and charge the businesses on them rent, taking money from Britain and into their off-shore accounts.

The royal family own the aggregates, ie sand and stone. Every yard of cement or concrete laid or used, every brick in every building costs us more because of the royal duty imposed on them.

They even own land off-shore, and as a result the Crown Estate makes profits from wind farms. This means we have to pay more for the electricity generated, as the old and poor lose their cold weather payments.

Is that fair and just?

If we're talking about presidents, let's talk about Nelson

Mandela, Roosevelt and Mary Robinson, who did so much for their people. What has the Queen done for you or anyone else?

She never protected us from greedy bankers, lying members of Parliament, warmongering prime ministers, or child poverty.

There would be no National Health Service if it had been left to the royal family - wouldn't Nye Bevin have been a great president?

An elected president can be removed by the people, if deemed unworthy.

Not so an unelected, unaccountable monarch.

And a last thought - the letter writer has more rights and freedoms as a European citizen than as a British subject.

**G J Nicholas, Barry.**

## 'Profit from monarchy'

**J**UST in passing, many people criticise the cost of the monarchy, but there are two considerations following from this.

One is the cost of a president - unlikely to be small as a president

would surely be an expolitician, and we know about their expense claims. The other is the income from the Crown Estates which, when taken into consideration, means that the taxpayers make a large profit from the monarchy,

**R Bradshaw.**

## Cost of a President

**I**WONDER whether your two obvious republicans, Marc Delaney and Tony Leat (The GEM, June 28) would like to live under a president who could turn out to become a dictator?

The monarchy has no such authority. The Queen, as an obvious attraction to visitors to this country, brings in millions of pounds in revenue, which would certainly not apply to a president.

Presidents usually cost a lot of money to maintain, as well as their entourage! Mrs D E Coombes-Herridge, Barry.

## Fair gave a boost to cancer charity

**P**ENARTH Committee of Cancer

Research UK would like to thank all our supporters and helpers who braved the bad weather again on Saturday to support our summer fair, where the sum of £650.44 was raised.

All the money raised at our events is spent on research in Wales into the prevention and treatment of cancer.

Our next event is the autumn fair on October 27, and we look forward to seeing you all again.

Perhaps the sun will be shining then! Jenny Brooks (Penarth fundraising committee, Cancer Research UK)

Let us know your views:

gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

## Not just cyclists...

**I**HAVE just read that cyclists will be fined for cycling on pavements - which is fair enough - but with the state of the roads and gutters, you cycle where you will get the smoothest ride.

Potholes, drain covers, parked cars, give a whole new meaning to the term 'bone shaker'. However, can I start a list of individuals who should be fined?

● Selfish people who park on pavements, when there is a space at the back of the house. They block the way for pushchairs and wheelchairs;

● People who put rubbish out days too early, again blocking the pave-

ment. Dogs, rats and seagulls are all attracted to the mess;

● People who throw furniture, chairs, etc, into the garden, which are left there for months;

● People who don't keep their garden tidy by cutting grass, etc, and hedges fall onto pavements.

Everybody, in private or social housing, should be made to sign a contract to keep things tidy. It's a case of 'can't be bothered, it's somebody else's job'.

Will they all be fined? If not, why not?

Why can't the council give out penalty notices, or eviction notices in extreme cases? (Name and address supplied).

## What do bylaws mean?

**L**AST week's GEM published a notice on confirmation of bylaws stating the Vale Council's intent to apply to the Assembly for confirmation of bylaws relating to land at Cwm Col-huw.

The notice also gives a period of one calendar month, ending August 5, for submission of any objections to the proposed bylaws.

Although not readily apparent, the notice appears to be related to the council-owned meadow adjacent to the car park at Llantwit Major beach.

For the benefit of the

public, some of whom may wish to object to the new bylaw, can the Llantwit Major Town Council please advise (in lay-man terms) just what the content and impact of these proposed bylaws are?

On the subject of car parking charges, can the town council also advise if it is possible to get the local authority to 'devolve the decision making' on these parking charges to the town council.

I believe there is a Local Government Act that empowers the devolution of decision making from local authority to community council. Gordon Wilkie, Llantwit Major.

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# Council is to consult on the merger of two junior schools

**THE cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council has agreed to carry out a public consultation over proposals for merging Bryntirion Juniors with Llangwydd Juniors.**

It follows a report to the cabinet which revealed that pupil numbers at Bryntirion Juniors have dropped steadily since 2008 – falling from 154 places to just 67 by January 2012 – and that the school is no longer financially viable.

At the same time, demand for places at the neighbouring Llangwydd Juniors has continued to increase.

As both schools already share the same site, the proposals would see the Bryntirion Juniors building become part of Llangwydd Juniors and the catchment area extended to accommodate the extra pupils.

In the longer term, the move would also help prepare for the establishment of an eventual primary school facility in line with the objectives of the council's school modernisation programme, which includes provision for pupils aged three to 11.

Coun Huw David, the cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Such high levels of surplus places are ultimately unsustainable as they place huge pressures on a school's budget, but our main focus is still firmly set on ensuring that children can receive an education worthy of the 21st century."

"Sadly, declining numbers at Bryntirion Juniors will in the future compromise the school's capacity for providing the broad range of educational opportunities that are so essential at key stage two. "As such, plans are being drawn up for consulting with teachers, staff, governing bodies, parents, children and the local community about bringing the two schools for the benefit of all pupils," Coun David added.

The consultation is currently being organised and more details are due to be announced soon.



## Maesteg Rotary's president

**MR Robert Davies is the new president of Maesteg Rotary Club, after the hand-over took place at The Old House, Llangynwyd.**

Mr Davies is an optician in Maesteg and this is his third time as president of the club. He intends to embrace this year's Rotary theme, which is: 'Peace through Service'.

As well as continuing

with projects to raise money for local charities and worldwide causes, he hopes to raise awareness of Rotary locally, so that he can help to increase membership of the club which, like many organisations, has seen a gradual decline over the last few years.

The photo (above) shows outgoing president Talfyn Harries handing the chain of office over to new president, Robert Davies

# NEW DATE FOR SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

**A free sandcastle competition takes place on Saturday, August 18 at Rest Bay, Porthcawl.**

The competition is open to families and friends and is organised by the Design Circle RSAW (Royal Society of Architects in Wales) whose south Wales branch is being supported by Bridgend Council and Clear Living.

Kick off is at 11am and judging takes place at 2pm by a mixed panel of judges, with prizes

being awarded shortly afterwards in the following categories: Tallest sand structure, most technically daring, best overall scheme, and people's choice.

This year also includes a children's castle competition, which will run from 12.30pm-2pm, for ages five-11. This is open to budding young designers and those with a little more experience.

Teams should consist of up to six members (including children, under the supervision of

their guardians). They should provide their own equipment; buckets and spades, or any other tools that are to be used (note, motorised diggers not allowed).

Framework is allowed, however all supporting structures must be removed for judging, and teams may decorate their structure with flotsam and jetsam found on the beach. The judges' decision will be final.

Liz Walder, Director of the Royal Society of Architects in Wales, said: "The Design Circle RSAW south Wales branch is eager to exploit links between architecture and tourism for the benefit of the sector and highlight the wonderful natural and built environment of west Wales."

"Working with our partners in Wales, we hope to achieve a public aspect to our work that invites an interest in what architecture is all about – improving places for people, be that temporary on a beach in Porthcawl, or designing a Pavilion at the National Welsh Eisteddfod."

Those interested in taking part are asked to register with the RSAW before the closing date (Monday, August 13) by calling 02920 228987 or emailing: rsaw@inst.riba.org.

## YFC is working with DairyCo to teach children about milk

**WALES YFC recently worked in partnership with DairyCo to run an educational workshop for school children at the 'Food for Thought' sustainable food conference for schools in Bridgend, which was opened by First Minister Carwyn Jones.**

'Milk' was the theme of the workshop and children attending the conference had the opportunity to discover the working life of a dairy farm, to find out how the natural life process of the cows

forms the basis of the dairy industry and the importance of good animal welfare practices. They were also able to follow the milk process story from farm to table.

As well as running the workshops, Wales YFC organised a debate for the comprehensive school students; 'School Meals; Cash v Taste', with a year-8 pupil from Brynteg School, Mr John Lougher, a farmer from Ty Tanglwyns Farm, Charlotte Thomas, a parent of two children, and also Louise Kerton, the team manager for catering services in Bridgend

County Borough Council taking part. After a lively debate, school pupils were invited to submit comments or ask the panel questions.

Esther Foster, Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) co-ordinator for BCBC said: "I am delighted that Wales YFC was able to attend the 'Food for Thought'."

"It was wonderful to have experienced young rural people come and talk to schoolchildren, to explain what it is like to live in rural areas, and the problems that our Welsh farmers face."

"It was a fantastic hands-on workshop that delivered. The debate really did provoke the thoughts and opinions of the young people attending, which in turn empowers them to make decisions on issues affecting both themselves and those in their local and national community."

Anyone who wishes to know more about the activities of the group is encouraged to contact the chair, Patricia Mears, on 01446 794231. FB

## Blue Bulls horn in on hate crime

**BRIDGEND Blue Bulls, who play in the Welsh Rugby League Conference are tackling hate crime by promoting the Safer Wales Anti-Hate Crime Project.**

Simon Green, disability hate crime campaigner and Blue Bulls manager, said: "When I was told I could never walk unaided again, I knew my life would change."

"I never thought that having to use a wheelchair would result in hostility and aggression."

"I never thought that being disabled would lead to people verbally abusing me, mocking me and being physically assaulted."

"I do as much as I possibly can to raise

awareness of this crime. When I am not campaigning across Wales, I manage the Bridgend Blue Bulls Rugby League team and we decided to provide free sponsorship to promote the Safer Wales Hate Crime Project."

Safer Wales has a hate crime reporting system where anyone who is harassed because of differences, can report their incident through a third party reporting system. The system has been running for over three years and reports of hate crime are on the increase.

"We are delighted the Bridgend Blue Bulls are supporting the Safer Wales Hate Crime Project," said Mark Williams, anti hate crime project coordinator, Safer Wales.

"We know that sport can influence so many people and provide positive messages to communities across Wales. Many people who experience hate crime do not wish to share information, or do not know where to go, and sadly some people just accept it."

"This is why the support of the Bridgend Blue Bulls makes a big difference, and hopefully inspire others not to put up with hate crime, which has no place in our society", he added. SB

## Quiz League weekly posers

**THIS week's Quiz League posers are as follows:**

- 1) The battles of Lewes in 1264, and Evesham in 1265, occurred in which English War?
- 2) One atom of which element combines with four atoms of hydrogen to form methane gas?
- 3) Which four-time

Formula One world champion had the nickname 'The Professor'?

4) Who chairs the television quiz show 'QI'?

A RUDGE (for Quiz League)  
4) Stephen Fry.  
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# Ramblers pine for lost meadows of White Farm

**MORE by luck than judgement, the rainfall which has been never ending stopped for one day and allowed nine walkers from the Penarth and District Ramblers to meet Joy on Colcot Road for the recent evening walk.**

Making their way to the Buttrills Field, the group passed the controversial pathway that is being constructed as a cycle and footway to Barry Comprehensive School and further along ducked under the cones and tape to enter The Pastures.

An old metal gate led into fields where the extremely muddy and slippery paths caused a problem on their way to Merthyr Dyfan.

Campaigners for the

past 20 years or so have finally lost their fight against the proposed housing development near White Farm and when building gets under way these lovely meadows will be lost forever.

The group passed the stone church at Merthyr Dyfan, situated in a dingle, said to be built on a very old Christian site and dedicated to St Dyfan (later partnered with St Teilo).

The present church was built by the Normans in the 13th century, restored in the Victorian era and refurbished again in 1970 when the original altar stone was found in a nearby well and placed back inside.

Crossing Port Road, near where Stumpy Lodge once stood, a metal kissing gate led into a grassy meadow and they descended to cross a wooden foot-

bridge before climbing through more long grass and a further descent to the road opposite Goldsland Farm.

They journeyed by road to New Wallace Farm and just beyond, a very deep puddle by a gate on the track prevented them from going further, at least without wellies!

Access to the stile in the hedge was completely blocked by a fallen tree, so the route had to be altered, and retracing their steps they crossed a stile and, descending, made their way through a rather sparse field of wheat to an overgrown footbridge that led them across the Nant Brynhill stream.

Usually by this time of year grass has been cut for hay, but because of the incessant rainfall grass is still growing at an alarming rate.

The planned stroll was fast turning into an extensive workout as the group had to wade through two fields of thigh high grass, and just above Little Brynhill Farm made their way through a jungle of foliage to finally emerge onto the track leading to the Brynhill Golf Club.

With legs beginning to tire, the group

tramped uphill to re-cross Port Road and make their way back to Colcot Road after what had certainly been an adventure!

On July 14, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate/hard walk to Bryn Arw in the Black Mountains; contact Liz on 029 20513698.

On July 15, meet at 10am at Cogan for a seven-mile moderate/hard walk taking in Craig yr Allt and the Black Cock Inn; contact Pam on 029 20255102.

On July 17, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 12-mile moderate walk at Cheddar Gorge; contact William on 01446 747239.

On July 19, meet at 7pm at Penarth cliff top car park for a four mile easy walk on the coast and old railway line; contact Ann on 029 20407319.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20255102.

Joy Strangward

## Roadworks report

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# Children's choices and School's out inspiration...

## There's no excuse for not finding something to do this summer!

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There are only so many hours that can be taken up watching DVDs or playing on the iPad.

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Local public houses also have soft play area so families can spend part of the day there having lunch or a tea time meal, knowing there is something to keep the kids occupied.

Many local leisure centres put on special swimming sessions through the summer months.

There are country parks offering nature trails, trips on the train, playgrounds and the chance to meet animals.

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As you can see, there is something for all ages to do during the holidays. There's no excuse for anyone to say "Mum, I'm bored" this summer!

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Members of street dance squad XD.

## Street dance squad XD looks to a bright future

**Photographer, Randell John, recently visited street dance squad 'XD' at Llanedeyrn Comprehensive School in Cardiff.**

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XD are members of the 'Popstars', academy of dance, who perform under the directorship of Jill and Nicholas Greene, and have appeared throughout the UK winning many awards.

'XD' are currently UDO Detonation Street Dance Champions 2012 and recently performed at the O2 arena in London.

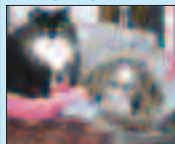
The squad has 14 members, ranging in age from 15 to 20 years old, and took part in the World Dance Organisations competition at Cardiff Oceania

Arena on Sunday, July 8, securing 2nd place, with Chelsea Greedy and Jake Aston winning first place in the Duo competition.

Popstars dance academy have 10 Street Dance groups in south Wales and are based in Bridgend, Barry, Cardiff and Merthyr.

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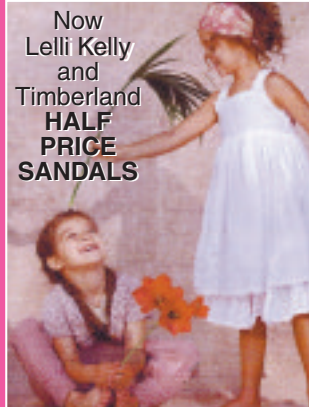
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# Children's choices and School's out inspiration...



## Pencoed students set sights on stage career

**S**TUDENTS Harry Prior and Sian Thomas from Pencoed Comprehensive, starred in a dance and music video – as part of a new award scheme run by The Lightning Hut youth drama and dance group.

Both took part in the video after completing the third award process for a new 'experience' with a professional.

Previous 'experiences' have included stage

combat workshops and film acting, but this time 30 young people created a new dance video and were filmed by a professional film crew.

Georgia Griffiths (16) took part in the filming as part of her work experience, and said: "I had such an amazing experience at the Lightning Hut this weekend! I am so happy to put on my CV I did my work experience working with a professional film company and working with truly awesome people!"

The Lightning Hut has had a very successful first year since setting up weekly drama, dance,

film and production classes at Pencoed Welfare Hall, and has more than 80 members from schools across the borough and beyond.

Jevan Cannon (16) points out: "The Lightning Hut is free, which is a definite plus, but also amazing is the fact that anyone can do it, not just those few enough to be 'privileged' enough to go. Everyone is treated fairly and given equal opportunity!"

"Every time you come to the Lightning Hut, you gain new skills – film acting, improvisation, diction improvement, how to write stage directions and how to devise your own dance routines."

Kay Smith, who runs the group, believes that The Lightning Hut is different in many ways, including the fact that there is an optional award scheme that prepares young people for the industry and real life.

She said: "I have run youth theatres before, which put on show after show, but this time the experience we offer is much more in line with what is happening in education at the moment, concentrating on key skills, as well as developing performance ability and knowledge."

Jevan is currently waiting for his GCSE results; but firmly believes that The Lightning Hut is making him far more confident and aware of his own ability in a multitude of disciplines.

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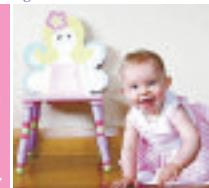
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# Out and About with The GEM

## Castleland advice

LABOUR councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell, hold an advice surgery this Saturday, (July 14) in the Drop-In Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry between 10.30am-12 noon. No appointment necessary. Contact Coun Elmore on 07867 506116, or 01446 450007.

## Llantwit book sale

FOLLOWING their successful Llantwit Major fayre day, the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions will be in town this Saturday (July 14)

with one of their popular book sales from 10am-4pm in the precinct, Llantwit Major.

A spokesman said: "We are very grateful for the donation of these books, not only from Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, but from the surrounding villages as well."

"The quality of the books we receive is improving all of the time. However, we do ask the public to check if anything has been left between the pages of the books before donating them. We have found money and some very personal photographs in some of the books."

To donate good quality saleable books to the Lions, visit their website: www.lmancions.org.uk, or call

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## Model trains

ON July 14 from 11am-4pm at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry there will be a working demonstration of Hornby and related gauge 'O' tinplate railway items mostly pre-war and some over 80 years old.

The demonstration, led by Bernard Honeysett, in aid of All Saints' organ appeal, includes two running lines that will handle clockwork, 12 volts dc and 20 volts ac locomotives.

Other lines will show examples of rolling stock from prior to 1928 to post war including French Hornby and 'Hogwarts' Express'.

Admission: £1, payable on the door. Raffle and refreshments available.

## Tea party

NICOLA'S Juice bar on Penarth Pier is holding a Blooming Great Tea Party on July 14. She will be setting up a cake stall next to her business on the pier, serving cakes and baked goods from 12pm onwards. All proceeds to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

## Street sur-

gery LABOUR councillors for the Gibbonsdown Ward, Barry, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Warwick Way/Cornwall Road area on Saturday, July 14 from 11am to 12 noon.

'Cream Tea' at Gileston Manor THE Church of St Giles will be holding a cream tea on the lawn at Gileston Manor on Sunday, July 15 at 2pm.

Alan Bourne and the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band will be in attendance. On sale will be raffle tickets, bric-a-brac and cakes.

Tickets are £5 from Dilys on 01446 750327 or Lynette on 01446 751685.

The church will be open to visitors.

## Housing panel

THE Vale housing panel AGM that was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 17 at Gwennog Court, Barry, has now been postponed until further notice.

## Diabetes

THE Diabetes UK Vale Voluntary Group are meeting on July 17 in the board room at

Llandough Hospital, Penarth, starting at 7.30pm.

Ms Carol Stingl of the local health board will speak on the Expert Patient Programme. New members always welcome.

Ring 01446 746639 for more details.

## Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm, All Wales Coastal Path walk starting at Barry Island Tourist Office.

On Thursday, 19 July at 10.30am, common land walk. Starting at Fox and Hounds Pub next to Mace Stores.

## Advice surgeries

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All welcome; no appointments necessary.

## Help for Simon

A CAR wash will be held on Sunday, July 22 at Cowbridge fire station to help Simon Gooding raise funds towards his work with Operation Mobilization, starting in August when he will fly to Thailand to join the Logos Hope Ship.

The ship is the largest floating library in the world and brings education material, as well as community projects, and housing projects to developing countries.

There will be a cooked breakfast in Holy Cross Church, Tainton room, on Sunday, July 27 to raise money towards Simon's work.

Simon will be there to answer questions while visitors enjoy a cooked breakfast.

There is no fixed price for the breakfast (8.45am-10.15am).

## Lafarge opens cement works for 100th anniversary

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meet employees and

talk with them about

their roles, as well as

having a look around

on a guided tour of the

works and quarry.

Works manager

James Kirkpatrick

said: "We are very

keen to share our centenary celebrations with as many local people as possible.

"The Open Day will include tours of the works and quarry, an exhibition giving an interesting overview of the 100-year history of the site, and displays from other local companies and organisations.

"We will also offer visitors an opportunity to get close to some of our giant mobile machinery and we will be offering refreshments along the way.

For the children, we plan to run a competition in connection with the tours.

"Visitors are requested to contact us in advance if they would like to take part in a works tour."

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## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D730.

● £2,000: 802851.

● The rollover, which now stands at £2,500, was not won this week.

● £10: 7 8 3 0 8 4 , 872859, 283754, 166398, 247928, 601213, 351181, 595646, 483927, 484741, 358350, 513804, 909864, 427274, 483933, 523838, 346440, 288531, 460728, 411393.

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## COMMUNITY CALLED TO ENGAGE IN ARTS FESTIVAL

TWO Barry Arts Festival projects are set to promote community arts and crafts - and the celebrations have already begun.

Pat Temple-Murray of Canolfan Porthceri Centre, and Gill Davies, a local quilting tutor, are co-ordinating a community wall-hanging which will be made up of about 40 textile pictures depicting Barry.

The squares of embroidery, beadwork and collage have been created by individuals and groups such as Barry Ladies Choir, Vale Plus and Tabernacle Chapel, and according to Pat Temple-Murray, they will be: "a stunning and unique commemoration of Barry and its creativity".

She said: "When we had this idea for a wall-hanging we had no idea whether it would take off or not, but it has. We think this is a good omen for the festival as a whole!"

When completed, the wall-hanging will be displayed in Windsor Road Church during the week of the festival, and will then be exhibited in

Barry Library.

Well-known Barry artist Becci Holmes has also designed a mural which will be painted and varnished by anyone who wants to come along to the 'Mural Day' in Windsor Road Church on Monday July 30.

Lots of other activities will be happening on that day, including local authors, craft and pottery displays.

Refreshments will be available, and the week-long exhibitions by VOGA, PIPS and Barry Camera Club will be worth seeing. Entry to this event is free, and all

ages are encouraged to come and be part of the creation of the mural.

Tickets for other events are available from Gifted, Barry Eye Centre and JPL Sound, and visit: www.porthceri.co.uk for details of the festival.

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# Spider-Man reboot certainly is amazing!

**T**EN years ago, *Spiderman* was released, causing a box office frenzy and reaffirming the public's love for a costumed superhero.

Spanning two sequels (the second film being up there with *X-Men 2* and *The Dark Knight* as a quintessential superhero film), the series was going strongly, but Sony's decision to reboot the character meant that that version of old Spidey was no more.

Under the direction of Marc Webb, *The Amazing Spider-Man* (note the use of 'amazing' and the hyphen) swings into cinemas, starring Andrew Garfield as the titular character and his alter-ego Peter Parker. When Peter discovers a clue that may explain why his parents left him as a small child, it brings him into conflict with Dr Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans) who undergoes a change of his own, while the love of Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone) complicates things even more for the teenaged web-slinger...

In the ten years since SPIDERMAN mark I stormed cinemas, the super-hero genre has undergone something of a revolution; Chris Nolan has taken the genre into darker, more visceral territory with the Batman franchise, while Marvel Studios have turned the likes of *Iron Man* into cash cows that show no sign of drying up any time soon.

The arrival of *The Amazing Spider-Man*, in a summer in which Nolan's *Dark Knight* will rise, and *The Avengers* have blown away box-office records, has been something of a low-key one, with Marc Webb's cinematic revision in the shadows of other comic book characters.

However, the film itself is a huge success, marrying real-life sensibilities with comic-book spectacle to create a hugely entertaining film that sets up the franchise incredibly well.

The man behind the mask is a key ingredient to this, Andrew Garfield taking the character back to its comic-book incarnation, this version of Peter Parker 'coolly nerdy' yet with no small degree of confidence.

The British actor has shown he can deliver in serious fare, yet takes to the blockbuster lark

## SCREEN TALK



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with ease, his charismatic and likeable turn making Parker feel real and genuine, carrying the film with no small degree of panache.

In the love interest role, the character of Gwen Stacy has always been more interesting than Mary-Jane, and casting an actress the calibre of Emma Stone just ramps that up even more.

Stone shares a wonderful chemistry with Garfield, equally as sassy and warm as Garfield's turn. The actress never feels like a damsel in distress and seems more than capable of holding her own.

Rhys Ifans' turn as Dr Connors is similarly well-judged, the character a good man driven to do bad things to fit his ideal of doing the right thing, and Ifans delivers a strong turn before the usual computer graphics take over in the second half of the film.

With sterling support from the likes of Dennis Leary, Martin Sheen and Sally Field, the film

certainly doesn't fall short on acting quality, with the script giving the cast some pleasing heavy lifting to do in between the set-pieces.

While the story does suffer from a few glitches, the plot feeling a little too familiar and over-cooked in places, its emphasis on the characters does pay dividends, in particular with Peter Parker and Gwen Stacy; the relationships are well-conceived and delivered.

Director Marc Webb, whose background as a music video director should make him a visually flashy hack, showed with the cute and painfully real *500 Days Of Summer* he is more than capable of marshalling a story, and he delivers a solid, good-looking film that doesn't quite reach epic scales, but delivers the goods.

Neat tricks like a first-person camera as Spider-Man flies between buildings make full use of the 3D, while the film achieves a realistic comic book style without being too quirky, the film looking good but lacking any real standout moments.

As the first baby steps in a new franchise, *The Amazing Spider-Man* is a very good outing, holding its own in a summer full of super-heroes; where it goes from here (as evidenced by an intriguing mid-credits scene) will be most interesting.

**VERDICT:** Doing exactly what it says on the tin, *The Amazing Spider-Man* just about lives up to his name. Winning performances from Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone help carry the film, while Marc Webb gives the film a pleasing visual sheen. *Recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *The Avengers* (2012), *Spiderman* (2002).

## Dogs Trust opens longer and later this summer

**FOR the next three months, Dogs Trust Bridgend will be keeping its doors open longer than ever before with the introduction of late-night openings every Wednesday from 12 noon-7.30pm.**

Starting immediately, the centre will remain open until 7.30pm in an effort to entice more dog-lovers to come and visit the current residents.

Dogs Trust hopes the extended hours will give those dogs who are more lively in the evening a chance to shine as not all dogs are at their best during the day.

Trials piloted in two rehoming centres have seen approximately an extra

dog a week rehomed over a six-month period, which means the scheme could see an extra 500 dogs rehomed throughout the year.

Centre manager Beverley Price said: "We have dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes here and they're all searching for their new homes."

"We're hoping that these extended opening hours will mean that more people consider paying us a visit after work and, ultimately, more dogs will find their happy endings with their new families."

To find out more, call 01656 725 219, or visit the centre at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

## Back to Butlins for nostalgic reunion

**WET** and windy weather could not dampen the spirits and laughter of nearly 100 former employees of the former Butlins (and later Majestic Holiday centre) at Barry Island who met for their third reunion last weekend.

It began with a Karaoke night on Friday. Forty brave souls, then met on Saturday to visit the camp site, an emotional walk for some people, who had not been back to the camp for more than 30 years.

With ex-employees visiting from as far away as America and the length and breadth of Britain, the climax of the weekend came with the Saturday night party at the Dolphin on Barry Island, as close as you could be to the entrance gates of the former centre.

Old friendships were renewed and new ones were made. Plans are already under way for next year's reunion, so keep an eye on Facebook and join us next time for a great weekend!



Former Redcoats pose in the old way at Barry Island Conservative Club.  
(PICTURE BY ROGER WILLIAMS)

## CADSTOCK TO ROCK AT VICTORIA PARK

**VICTORIA PARK, Cadoston, Barry will be rocking over the weekend of July 21-22 when eight bands take to the stage for Cadstock 2012.**

The festival features some of the best local bands and guest artists with the entertainment starting at 1pm on each day.

On Saturday, Freeway launched the festival, followed by Blues Central and Them Dead Beats. Headlining are special guests from London, King Paul and the Zeronoughts.

Sunday kicks off with Paul R Duggan and the Band of Bubbass, who are followed by The Little Welsh Blues Band, The Anderson Connection (featuring The GEM's very own Gareth Jamieson!) and The Underdogs.

JPL Sound, Barry, will provide the sound.

For further information please contact: Jonathan Greatrex, Victoria Park Manager, on: tel 07809 551 465.



PICTURED: Top local band The Anderson Connection will perform at Victoria Park's Cadstock.

## ADVERTISING FEATURE

### Restaurant's birthday treat for loyal customers



ABOVE: Wing and Neng Chan of River View Restaurant celebrated five years of successful trading by holding a party and charity raffle with proceeds going to the Wooden Spoon and Cancer Research charities.

**River View Chinese Restaurant in Cowbridge is celebrating five years of successful trading and recently marked the occasion with a party for 60 of its most loyal customers, treating them to a lavish freshly-prepared Chinese meal.**

There was also a charity raffle at the party, on Sunday, July 1, which raised over £500 for the Wooden Spoon and Cancer Research charities.

Hosts and owners Wing and Neng said: "We wanted to say thank you to some of the people that have supported our restaurant and also raise some money for charity. It was a fabulous day."

A wine tasting was organised by Charles Reardon-Smith of the Oxford Wine Company, who gave detailed instructions of how to appreciate and taste a good selection of both

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## PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

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## Advertising feature

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ciency in 2010, and doubled in size over the past year.

CanDo manages more than 330 properties across Cardiff and the Vale and is continuing to grow.

A spokesperson for CanDo Lettings explained: "The agency provides a win-win solution for landlords, tenants and local authorities."

"Landlords benefit from a full-property management service with most properties being let within a week or less."

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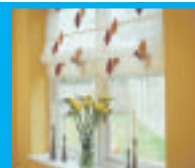
housing waiting list or in a hostel, gain a new home and local authorities benefit from reduced housing waiting lists and a reduction in homelessness."

"To continue providing this unique service and helping to further tackle homelessness, CanDo Lettings is looking to take on more properties in Cardiff and the Vale."

If you have a property available to let, you can call CanDo Lettings on 029 20434434.







## Local company's BBQ advice

**A** LOCAL company is warning campers to be careful, after barbecues were linked to several campsite deaths caused by carbon monoxide poisoning.

UK GAS is reminding people to only use barbecues, portable heaters, gas lights and gas stoves outside –

where there is an adequate supply of fresh air.

A company spokesman said: "Gas Safe Register has produced leaflets, posters and web banners for the campaign, so please get in touch if you can help distribute these vital messages." For more information, visit [www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk/bbq](http://www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk/bbq)

## Greenfingered pupils sell their home-grown fruit and veg to store's customers!

**V**ALE pupils will be selling produce grown in their school gardens to customers at Waitrose, Barry, today, July 12. The youngsters

from Y Bont Faen Primary School, Cowbridge and Palmerston Primary School, Barry, will be selling their fruit and vegetables at the store, as part of a school produce sale organised by the School Food

Matters charity. The project was successfully piloted in 2010 by two London schools who sold produce at their local Waitrose branch. This is the first year that Welsh schools have become involved.

The managing director of Waitrose, Mark Price, said: "We are delighted to give even more students the chance to run a business for the first time, however small the scale – and it's fantastic that the money they raise goes directly back into their school projects."

The manager of Waitrose Barry, Adrian Higham, said: "We're very much

looking forward to hosting a 'School Produce Sale' for the first time.

"We're sure our customers will be equally delighted to support this great initiative, which gives gardening access to many children, whilst helping them enjoy the very best of seasonal British produce."



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Although he didn't know it at the time, twenty years of listening to customers while he was fitting their carpets had equipped Chris with priceless market research. Consequently he'd developed plenty of great ideas about improving the process of buying flooring. Suddenly he found himself in the unique position of being able to integrate these ideas into his new business.

Customers had often told Chris that they found carpet stores overwhelming places, with a bewildering range of products and confusing layout. On the other hand, buying their flooring online, with no opportunity to first evaluate the quality and colour of the product, was a risk most were reluctant to take.

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Mr Byron Lewis - 1, 2 and 3 Subway Road, Barry - Demolition of tree storey property and adjacent two storey building.

Mr David Lougher - Ty Isha Farm, Welsh St Donats - Conversion of flat and extension to form 'granny' accommodation ancillary to main farmhouse.

Mr Nigel Ayres - 18 Caynham Avenue, Penarth - Proposed two storey side extension. Proposed single storey rear extension housing new kitchen. Internal alterations.

Mr and Mrs O'Sullivan - 98 Pontygarn Road, Rhose - Erection of single storey dwelling.

Mrs Anne Birkinshaw - 24 Greenacres, Barry - Proposed new dwelling attached to 24 Greenacres.

Mr Matthew Kingston - Plymouth House East, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major - To remove remains of infilling wall and replace with gates to make way for a parking space.

Mr Neville White - Pen y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre, The River Mouth, Ogmere by Sea - Demolition of existing Pen y Bont Surf Life Savers Centre and replacement with a new Surf Life Savers Centre at Ogmere by Sea.

Mr Evan Williams - Field adjacent at North of Aberogwrn Farm Racing Yard, Llanccarfan - Erection of horse arena.

Mr D Edwards - Hafod Lodge, Hensol - Retention of existing (previously permitted) ancillary outbuilding.

Miss Rhys Edwards - 30 Cedar Way, Penarth - Proposed garage to side.

RWE Npower Renewables Ltd - Land at Tynewydd and Maendy Farms, Giffach Goch - Proposed erection of seven wind turbines to replace 20 existing turbines that have the potential to generate between 14 and 17.5mw.

Mrs Sue Flower - St Johns Church, Church Road, Llanblethian (St Bleddian) - Small memorial garden incorporating low wall and joint seating facility with small terraced area.

Mr Steve Lane - 6 Maillards Haven, Penarth - Proposal for two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.

Mr Norman England - Garage near The Barn, Stalling Down, Cowbridge - Conversion of store (former residential double garage) to holiday let.

Mr and Mrs Quinn - 13 Ham Lane South, Llantwit Major - Proposed alteration and extensions to existing house.

Madeline John - 2 Fairfield Close, Llantwit Major - Conversion of a loft to habitable rooms and extension with dormers to front and flat extension to rear on top of existing roof.

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## Planning

Mr A Watts – 81 High Street, Cowbridge – Proposed extension to the rear (ground floor). Parks and Open Spaces Officer – Rear of 2/6 Cardiff Road, Cowbridge – Pollard a sycamore tree. Parks and Open Spaces Officer – Nos 2 and 4 Hillside Cottages, Cadoxton, Barry – Remove ash tree overhanging both properties. Mr Ronald Baker – 66 Bron Awelon, Barry – Two storey extension to rear/side of dwelling to

provide an annexe for an elderly parent and conservatory to rear.

Mr Mark Hudson – Y Bwthyn, Llangan – Two storey extension to north elevation to provide utility and study at ground floor and bedroom at first floor.

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Mr Nathan Mullett – Unit 14, Heritage Business Park, Wick Road, Llantwit Major – Change of use from B8 to D2.

Mr Robert Harry – Land at Wenvoe E311976, N173861 – Erection of stable building and creation of new vehicular access.

Mr Jonathan Drake – 4 Sir Ivor Place, Dinas Powys – Erect enclosure within boundary to a height of 2m to extend rear garden.

Mr John Buxton – The Railway Shed, Plymouth Road, Barry Island – Construction of a car park to support tourist railway and museum.

Century Investments Ltd – Holiday Inn Express, Port Road, Rhosce – Retention of car park extensions and covered patio.

Mr Leonard Richards – 4 Great House Meadows, Llantwit Major – Detached new house in the garden of the existing dwelling.

Miss Tazmin Proctor – Yr Rhosyn, Highlight Lane, Barry – proposed first floor extension and two storey extension to side of house to replace existing conservatory.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – Evenlode Primary School, Evenlode Avenue, Penarth – Installation of a radio antenna on a 15m high pole.

Mrs Jani Bosma – 128 Fontygary Road, Rhosce, Barry – New 'Gambrel' roof over existing bungalow providing master bedroom with en-suite and walk in wardrobe, second bedroom and family bathroom.

James Frazer-Mann – 28 Bryn y Glyn, Rhosce – To brick up one of the garage doors, and replace with brick and window to match the opposite side of the house. The second garage door to remain.

Mr Stephen Rees – 16 Meadow Vale, Barry – Erection of two storey side extensions and single storey rear extension.

Mr Andrew Hurst – Fairways, Wenvoe – Reductions to 5 no. beech trees.

c/o Whitmore and Humphreys – Museum of Welsh Life, St Fagans – use of land for overflow car park.

c/o Whitmore and Humphreys – Museum of Welsh Life, St Fagans – Alteration and extension of facilities.

S A Brains and Company Limited – Car park to the rear of the Seaview Labour Club, on the corner of Jewel Street and George Street, Barry – Redevelopment of Seaview Labour Club car park to eight one and

two bed flats with associated car parking area and amenity space. Everything Everywhere Limited – Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major – One new equipment cabinet with meter pillar, next to the existing cabinets and extending brick retaining wall.

Mr Colquhoun – 6 Heol y Mynydd, Welsh St Donats – Ground rear extension and front dormer extension.

Fitz Project Management – 49 Kenilworth Road, Barry – Conversion of three storey Victorian HMO into four self-contained flats.

Vale of Glamorgan Council – Court Road Depot, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Road, Barry – Single-storey modular/demountable building at Court Road Depot to replace existing facilities for Waste

Management staff on the premises. Vale of Glamorgan Council, Ms Jane Wade – Barry Call Centre, Greenwood Street,

Barry – Screening to additional roof ventilation plant to works as per planning application 2011/00704/RG3.

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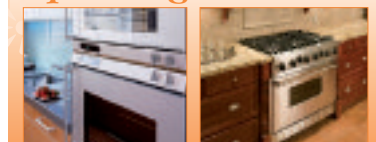
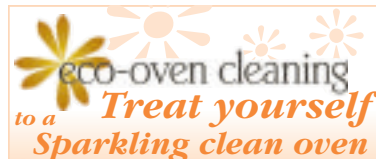
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# Dennis O'Neill a premiere Gwaith newydd Karl Jenkins

**MAE ffurfio Côr yr Eisteddfod yn un o brif weithgareddau ymweliad yr Eisteddfod i unrhyw ardal. Mae'n gyfle i berfformio mewn pafiliwn o dros 2,000 o bobol gyda cherddorfa broffesiynol ac unawdwydd byd enwog.**

Eleni mae Cyngor y Côr yn addo i fod yn noson i'w chofio wrth i'r Côr perfformio premiere prydeinig o waith newydd Karl Jenkins: Beirdd Cymru gyda'r unawdwydd Rebecca Evans a Dennis O'Neill a'r cyfansoddwr ei hun, Karl Jenkins yn arwain y gwaith.

Gwnaeth Karl Jenkins, sydd yn enedigol o'r Gwyr, ei enw yn wreiddiol ym myd jazz. Ei gyfansoddiad Adiemus fodd bynnag daeth ag ef i amlygrwydd fyd enwog. Cyfunodd Adiemus y clasurol gyda synau lleisiol ethnig ac offer taro ac fe gyrhaeddodd y brig yn startiau clasurol a pop ar draws y byd. Ymysg ei gyfansoddiadau mae Requiem, Stabat Mater a Dewi Sant.

Mae o hefyd wedi cydweithio gyda rhai o gantorion mawr y byd gan gynnwys Bryn Terfel, Hayley Westenra a Kiri Te Kanawa. Karl Jenkins yw'r cyfansoddwr byw a berfformir mwyaf yn y byd, mae ei

waith; 'The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace' ei hun wedi ei berfformio bron i 1,000 o weithiau mewn 20 o wledydd gwahanol.

Perfformiwyd ei waith diweddaraf, Beirdd Cymru, mewn premier arbennig yn Hwngari fis Mehefin acmae'r darn yn datgelu cysylltiad annisgwyl rhwng Cymru a Hwngari.

Gofynnwyd i'r bardd János Arany (1817-82) i ysgrifennu darn i glodfôr i'r Ymerawdwr Awstria Franz Joseph ond oherwydd bod arglwyddi Awstria newydd drechu Chwyldro Hwngari yn 1848 fe wnaeth János Arany y gwrthwyneb.

Er mwyn cadw sensor y Cynulliad yn hapus ysgrifennwyd y gerdd yn addrodd hanes Cymru yn hytrach na Hwngari, gan son am sut y dienyddwyd Beirdd Cymru gan Edward I am wrthod canu clod iddo mewn gwledydd yng Nghastell Trefaldwyn yn 1277.

Pan ymgododd Hwngari fel gwlad annibynnol ar ôl y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf fe wnaeth Beirdd Cymru ymddangos ar gwricwlwm addysg y wlad a hyd heddiw mae'r darn yn cael ei astudio gan blant ysgolion y wlad.

Mae Jenkins wedi gosod y testun y Gymraeg, Hwngareg a Saesneg gyda'r bwriad i'r gwaith gael ei pherfformio mewn unrhyw un o'r tair iaith neu gyfuniad o'r 3. Fe fydd y premier Prydeinig yn cynnwys y fersiwn Gymraeg o'r gwaith sydd wedi ei gyfieithu gan y Prifardd Twm Morys.

Yn perfformio ar y noson bydd y tenor adnabyddus, Dennis O'Neill. Cawsom gyfle i sgwrsio gyda fo yn ddiweddar wrth iddo baratoi ar gyfer y gyngedd.



Dennis O'Neill who will perform at the concert.

"Dwi'n edrych ymlaen yn fawr i berfformio yn yr Eisteddfod" meddi.

"Roedd Karl Jenkins a finnau yn yr Ysgol efo'n gilydd ac yn aelodau'r o'r un gerddorfa.

"Fel y gellir ddisgwyl gan Karl mae Beirdd Cymru yn waith gwreiddiol a chyffrous ac mae'n ddiddorol hefyd bod y gerdd wreiddiol yn adnabyddus i bob plentyn ysgol yn Hwngari, sydd yn gwneud cyswllt arbennig â Chymru".

Mae gan Dennis hefyd atgofion melyn o berfformio yn yr Eisteddfod y tro olaf iddo ymweld â'r Fro sef Eisteddfod y Barri yn 1968 gan mae fe oedd enillydd yr Unawd Tenor 18-25. "Dyma oedd y sbardun i offennu cystadlu ac i ddilyn gyrfa fel canwr profesiynol".

Er taw pinael y gyngedd bydd perfformiad Beirdd Cymru mi fydd hanner gyntaf y gyngedd yn cynnwys amrywiaeth o ganeuon clasurol poblogaidd fel eglura Dennis "Ar gyfer rhan gyntaf y gyngedd rwyf wedi penderfynu canu caneuon sydd yn adlewyrchu y rhan boblogaidd o'm gwaith ac wedi cynnwys caneuon rwyf wedi perfformio ar hyd y blynyddoedd."

Arafu Don heb amheuaeth yw'r gân Gymraeg mwyaf poblogaidd i'r o'r un gerddorfa.

gaid i denor ac mae Nessun Dorma erbyn hyn un o'r caneuon mwyaf poblogaidd i denor ar draws y byd.

Mae wedi bod yn flwyddyn brysur i'r canwr yn enwedig oherwydd ei rhan sefydlu Academi Llais Rhyngwladol Cymru yng Ngholeg y Drindod. Yn syth wedi'r gyngedd yn yr Eisteddfod mi fydd yn teithio i Awstralia a Seland Newydd lle bydd yn cymal nifer o gyngherddau a dosbarthiadau meistr.

Cyn hynny bodd bynnag mi fydd yn dychwelyd i lwyfan y Pafiliwn ar gyfer y gyngedd sydd yn addo i fod yn noson i'w chofio yn y Fro. Mae tocynnau ar werth o Swyddfa'r Eisteddfod: 0845 40 90 400 www.eisteddfod.org.uk, tocynnau £19-£28.

## Dennis O'Neill to perform British premiere

ONE of the greatest activities the Eisteddfod brings to any area is the formation of the Eisteddfod choir, with an opportunity to perform in front of over 2,000 people in the Eisteddfod pavilion with a full concert orchestra and world class soloists.

This year's Eisteddfod choir concert promises to be a night to remember as during the second half of the concert they will perform the British premiere of Karl Jenkins' new work: The Bards of Wales with soloists Dennis O'Neill and Rebecca Evans and

## PACT meetings

CRAIG PENLLYN coffee and chat meeting, July 18 at the Red Fox public house at 11am. COURT PACT, Barry, July 25 at Ilminster Scout Hall at 7pm. SULLY PACT, July 26 at the Jubilee Hall, 8pm.

Karl Jenkins himself conducting the work.

Karl Jenkins is the UK's most popular contemporary composer, and one of Wales' most versatile and critically-acclaimed musicians. He is credited as being the most performed living composer in the world, his composition 'The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace' alone has been performed nearly 1,000 times in 20 different countries since the CD was released while his recorded output has resulted in seventeen gold and platinum disc awards.

His latest work 'The Bards of Wales' was premiered in Hungary in June 2011. The piece forges an unexpected link between Hungary and Wales.

The Hungarian poet János Arany (1817-82) was asked to write a poem in praise of the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph but, as the Austrian overlords had just suppressed the 1848 Hungarian Revolution, the poet did the opposite.

To satisfy the state censor, the poem was written in terms of Welsh history, rather than Hungarian, telling how Edward I of England executed Welsh bards for failing to sing his praises at a banquet in Montgomery Castle in 1277.

When Hungary emerged from World War I as an independent state, The Bards of Wales found its place in the national education system and is learnt by heart by all children at the age of 13 or 14. In Hungary it is a poem so ingrained into the cultural psyche that adults and children can recite it on demand.

Jenkins has set the text in Hungarian, Welsh and English, and it is

## IN BRIEF Strawberry afternoon

THE popular strawberry afternoon organised by Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern will be held on Tuesday, July 17, in the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 2pm; refreshments by the local WI, and entertainment.

## Double date

LOCAL musician Hank Hillman will be performing at the Hole in the Wall on Friday, July 27, along with Kenny, Bob and Mike. Entrance £4, starts at 8.30pm.

Hank will also be performing at the Art4U Friendship Tree Acoustic Festival on July 29 at the Knap Lake, Barry, from 2pm.

intended that the work can be sung throughout in a single language or a combination. The British premiere of the work at the Eisteddfod will feature the Welsh language version of the work by poet Twm Morys.

Performing on the night will be the renowned tenor, Dennis O'Neill and we caught up with him as he prepares for his appearance at the Eisteddfod.

"I am looking forward to appearing at the Eisteddfod," he said. "Karl Jenkins and I were schoolboys together at Gower Grammar School and played in the orchestra together."

"As you would expect from Karl, the Bards of Wales is an original and exciting score. It's interesting too that the Hungarian text is apparently known to every schoolchild in that country, making an amazing link with Wales."

Dennis also has fond memories at performing at the last Eisteddfod to be held in the Vale, when the Eisteddfod visited Barry in 1968. He competed, and was successful in, the 18-25 age group tenor competition.

"Winning this competition ended my competitive stage and began my ambition to become a professional singer."

Although the highlight of the concert will be the British premiere of the Bards of Wales, the first half will feature

popular classics carefully chosen by the choir and soloists.

Dennis explained: "For the first half of the concert I have decided to stick to the pieces that I have sung for many years and represent the most popular aspect of my work - 'Arafu Don' is definitely the most popular Welsh song for tenor and 'Nessun Dorma' is the most popular aria for an Italianate tenor. I have chosen the repertoire that has taken me around the world".

It's been a busy year for the singer, with most of it taken with establishing the Wales International Academy of Voice with the University of Wales of which he is Director, and immediately after the Eisteddfod, he will leave for masterclasses and recitals in Australia and New Zealand.

Before that, however, he will once again take to the stage in the 2,000 seater Eisteddfod pavilion. Tickets are currently for sale and priced at £19-£28 from the Eisteddfod ticket office: 0845 40 90 400 or www.eisteddfod.org.uk.

Welsh phrase of the week / Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

Llongyfarchiadau! (Llon-gov-arch-ee-add-eye!) which means 'Congratulations!'

SIONED EDWARDS sioned@eisteddfod.org.uk (Tel: 02920 763777)

## 'ZEPPELIN' WAS A BLIMP!



DID anyone else notice the Good-year Blimp flying over Barry on Monday morning? At first, I thought it was a Zeppelin! It looked so graceful, it must be some experience up in one of those.

ALEX CAMPBELL, Barry.

## FoE air their frustrations

BARRY and Vale Friends of the Earth had a positive meeting with Coun Rob Curtis, a Vale cabinet member of the newly-elected Local Authority.

Agreement was reached about many local environmental concerns, with quarterly meetings to review environmental matters arranged.

Members noted the 'guerilla' gardening of the Vale Council, in planting wildflowers on many roundabouts, thus promoting biodiversity, and agreed with Coun Curtis that more areas need to be left to 'go wild'.

Recycling initiatives are more positive, with incentives needed, to encourage people to recycle more and avoid the incinerators.

Barry and Vale FoE are disappointed that the recently announced 'All-Wales' coastal path is barely in existence from Cardiff to Rhosneig, while cycle paths are continually ignored as a relatively cheap priority.

Barry and Vale FoE are equally disappointed at the results of the public inquiries on White Farm and 'fracking' at Llandow, where evidence was submitted.

These planning applications usually end up with a David and Goliath situation: David sometimes wins, as we all know, so opposition to profit before planet must continue.

As Gareth Clubb of FoE Cymru said on TV last week: "Fracking takes us back into the Dark Ages, not the future our 'greenest ever' Government promised, just more CO<sub>2</sub> and global storming."

As to White Farm, Barry and Vale FoE agree with the concerns over flooding, expressed by Ian Johnson, in your letters columns. Given the Barry monsoon of 2007, the floods in Aberystwyth last week and the various worldwide flooding events this weekend, covering a green lung in the middle of Barry, with more concrete and tarmac, does not seem to be a good idea.

KEITH STOCKDALE Barry and Vale FoE

## Chance to star at Eisteddfod!

THE Vale Council is offering aspiring artists a chance to work and perform with two leading performance artists at this year's National Eisteddfod, as part of a revival of the iconic Barry summer school.

Phil Babot and Cathy Gordon will be hosting a five-day performance art workshop at Palmerston Community Centre from July 30 to August 3 (10am to 5pm) for adults of all skill levels.

The participants will attempt to recreate the artistic performances

known as 'happenings' at Barry summer school during the 1960s and 1970s, culminating in group performances at the Art Central gallery in Barry Town Hall, King Square, on August 4, and at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow on August 5.

A retrospective exhibition will be held at the Art Central gallery in Barry Town Hall from July 23 to September 8.

Vale arts development officer Tracey Harding said: "We hope to create an exhibition showing original artwork together with stories and memories of the Barry summer school."

## Scam victim is refunded cheque

THE GEM last week told how Lorna Sanders fell victim to a telephone scam, when a company rang up and said that her laptop was infected and they would clean it for her in return for payment.

Ms Sanders has

revealed that the company has now refunded her by cheque, after she complained (minus a £5 'admin charge').

She told The GEM: "I certainly didn't expect that they would do so!"

## I feel sorry for victim

I FEEL sorry for Lorna Sanders (The GEM, July 5), they almost caught me out as well.

Let this be a warning to ALL readers, do NOT give out your bank details to ANYONE online, no matter HOW convincing they sound. They will rob you blind.

Alex Campbell, Barry

## Transplant appeal

AS a Cowbridge resident with a three-month-old son requiring a liver transplant, I would like to draw your readers' attention to the fact that National Transplant week runs until July 15.

I recognise that this

is an extremely emotive issue, but if readers would like more information please visit: www.organdonation.nhs.uk, potentially saving or enhancing up to nine lives following a personal tragedy. (Name and address supplied)



# NSPCC BENEFITS FROM LOCAL QUIZ



**LEFT (from left to right): Keith Gorvan, Jo Leonard (NSPCC local community fundraiser), Chris Kaye and Will Baldry.**

**THE Boverton Castle pub in Boverton, Llantwit Major, has raised £100 for NSPCC Cymru/Wales through its regular Sunday night pub quiz.**

Jo Leonard, local community fundraising manager, said: "We are extremely grateful to the Boverton Castle pub for this generous gift. Without the funds raised by our brilliant supporters we wouldn't be able to continue to support and protect

the most vulnerable children in our community."

The money raised from the quiz evenings will support the NSPCC in providing vital services such as 'Letting the Future in', which helps children from the Vale to overcome the damaging effects of sexual abuse.

To make a £4 donation to the NSPCC in your area text WALES or CYMRU to 70744.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4270 LLANTWIT MAJOR ROAD AND UNNAMED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ROADS, LLANDOW) ONE WAY, NO RIGHT TURN, ROAD CLOSURE AND 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle, with the exception of Coaches, Buses and Authorised Event Vehicles, to travel in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location** The road which extends in a southwesterly direction from the junction at grid 295993 171746 to the entrance to the camping/caravan park at grid 295593 171379.

**Reason** In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

**Duration** From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

### SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in a south easterly direction in the location specified in Schedule 4.

### SCHEDULE 4

**Location** Along the un-named road, that runs from the junction with the B4270 Llantwit Major Road at grid 296308 171472 to its junction at 295616 172147.

**Reason** In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

**Duration** From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

### SCHEDULE 5

3. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in schedule 6.

### SCHEDULE 6

**Location** The right turn from the B4270 Llantwit Major Road into the access into Llandow Airfield at grid 296287 172030.

From the B4270 - Llantwit Major Road into the un-named road at grid 296381 171115.

From the B4270 - Llantwit Major Road into the industrial estate at grid 296308 171472.

**Alt Route** Diversions for all three No Right Turn Orders shall be along the B4267 Llantwit Major Road to the roundabout at the junction of the B4265 Llantwit Major By-pass then U Turning back along the road and turning left as required.

**Reason** In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

**Duration** From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

### SCHEDULE 7

4. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30mph in the location specified in schedule 8.

### SCHEDULE 8

**Location** The B4270 Llantwit Major Road, between the B4265 Llantwit Major bypass in a generally northerly direction to its junction at Nash Corner at grid 296162 173211.

**Reason** In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

**Duration** From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

Dated this 12th day of July 2012

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Visible Services & Housing,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,  
Wernvow. CF5 6AA



## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012 AR GYFER CREU SYSTEM UNFFORDD, GWAHARDD TRAFFIG RHAG TROI I'R DDE, CAU'R FFORDD A CHYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30 M.Y.A. (DROS DRO) (FFORDD LLANILLTUD FAWR (B4270) A FFYRDD DIENW STAD DDIWYDIANNOL, LLANDOW)

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1)(b) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob p. er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad y Gorchymyn hwn i'r diben cyffredinol a nodwyd yn yr atodlenni isod:-

### ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur, ac eithrio Coets, Bws neu un o Gerbyddau Awdurdodedig yr yd, yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod

### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad** Y ffordd sy'n arwain i gyfeiriad y de orllewin o'r gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 295993 171746 wrth y fynedfa i'r maes gwerysllaf/carafannau ar gyfeirnod grid 295593 171379.

**Reason** Diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod

**Cyfnod** O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

### ATODLEN 3

2. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 4.

### ATODLEN 4

**Lleoliad** Ar hyd y ffordd ddienw sy'n rhedeg o'r gyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) ar gyfeirnod grid 296308 171472 i'r gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 295616 172147.

**Rheswm** Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod.

**Cyfnod** O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012

### ATODLEN 5

3. Ni fydd unrhyw yrrwr yn troi i'r dde nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw yrrwr arall droi i'r dde yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 6.

### ATODLEN 6

**Lleoliad** Y troad i'r dde oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r ffordd sy'n arwain i Faes Awyr Llandow ar gyfeirnod grid 296287 172030.

Y troad oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r ffordd ddienw ar gyfeirnod grid 296381 171115

Y troad oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r stad ddiwydiannol ar gyfeirnod grid 296308 171472.

**Llwybr arall** Er mwyn cydymffurfio â'r tri gorchymyn rhag troi i'r dde, bydd traffig yn cael ei ddargyfeirio ar hyd Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4267) at y cylchfan sydd wrth y gyffordd â Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr (B4265). Bydd yn gwneud tro pedol yn y fan honno, ac yn dychwelyd ar hyd yr un ffordd, er mwyn gallu troi i'r chwith yn ôl yr angen.

**Rheswm** Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod.

**Cyfnod** O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

### ATODLEN 7

4. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur yn gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 8.

### SCHEDULE 8

**Location** Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) rhwng ffordd osgoi Llanilltud Fawr (B4265) a'r gyffordd â Nash Corner ar gyfeirnod grid 296162 173211 gan dei thio'n fras i gyfeiriad y gogledd.

**Rheswm** Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod.

**Cyfnod** O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

Dyddiedig 12 Gorffennaf 2012

M. E. Punter,  
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau  
Gweladwy a Thai,  
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,  
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA



## The Black Horse pub - and how it became 'The Duke'

**A** Mr Emrys Jones who, back in the 1920s, wrote a series of articles for a local paper on the old inns of south Wales, had this to say about the Duke Of Wellington Inn in Cowbridge.

"I arrived in Cowbridge, and in a few seconds I was standing before the famous Duke of Wellington Inn, with its old world charm and its small-paned bay windows.

"On your left inside is the smoke room, a narrow, low room: the kind of room in which our ancestors were wont to talk o' nights, and at one end stood a very ancient Welsh blanket chest, a very gem to warm the heart of any antiquary.

"More stylish and more costly dining rooms you may find in plenty, but I doubt whether you will find one anywhere more charming than the one in the 'Duke'.

"As you sit near the open fireplace with its huge oaken beam above, you may well imagine yourself back a century or so. Above the fire-

place, you will see a portrait of the Iron Duke, supported on either side by a pair of old-fashioned crossed swords. The old military air is maintained by crossed halberds at the other end of the room.

"This inn is so called, I was told, because the Duke of Wellington stopped here after the Battle of Waterloo, while on his way to visit the mother of the famous Welsh soldier, General Picton, who was killed in the engagement that broke forever the power of Napoleon.

"Before then, going back into the dim past, the old inn was known as the 'Black Horse', and a faded photograph remains to posterity, together with that of the peculiar looking town hall that existed in Cowbridge hundreds of years ago, when highwaymen rode at nights and held up the mail coaches on the Cowbridge Road.

"There is a legend that once a highwayman came to the outskirts of the town. He bribed a boy to take his horse through the toll-gate to the end of Cowbridge - he would be known had he come on horseback.

"Then he sauntered through the town like any other pedestrian

until he came to the 'Duke', or the Black Horse as it was known then.

"As he glanced through the window, he saw men sitting there with their gold, travellers who had come from one of the big towns. He was a daring fellow this highwayman, with his brace of pistols hidden under his long coat, and his ironical smile of devil-may-care.

"Without a second thought, he drew his pistol and killed one of the merchants, snatched up his bag of gold, and made off up the road to where his fretting mount stood ready for the long ride to freedom.

"He was never caught. And no wonder, for in those times it was a matter of days before a policeman could be sworn in! By the time the pursuer set out, the highwayman was hundreds of miles away.

"But the landlord of the 'Black Horse' had to suffer the highway man's deed. His licence was taken from him for a time, and when it was restored, he was commanded to wall up the window through which the highway-man shot, thus it remains to this day."

BRIAN LEE

## Futsal sessions for girls

**PRIMARY** school aged girls can improve their soccer skills at new Futsal sessions every Thursday between 6pm and 7pm at Parc Bryn-Y-Don in Dinas Powys.

Played with a smaller, heavier ball, futsal focuses on small-sided games and developing technique, and was played by Brazilian stars such as Ronaldinho and Neymar when they were younger.

The sessions are backed by the Welsh Football Trust and are led by UEFA 'B' and 'C' licence coaches.

Call Andy Davies on 07413 360504 or Adam Fowler on 07772 760772 to find out more. Sessions cost £2 per week.

## Pupils' success in tennis championship

**MORE** than 1,500 pupils from 179 schools took part in the AEGON South Wales Primary Schools Tennis Championship, with winners coming from across the region.

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Year-4/5: girls - St Michaels (Llanelli); boys - Newton (Swansea); mixed - Sully (Vale of Glamorgan).

Year-6: girls - Rhydyphenau Primary (Cardiff); boys - Llansannor (Vale of Glamorgan)

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## Family Notices

### STARR Gail

Suddenly at home on 29th June 2012, aged 52. Gail will be sadly missed by her children Richard, Nadine, Kirby and all her grandchildren.  
Resting at A G Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service in the chapel on Tuesday, 17th July at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research c/o A G Adams Funeral Home.

### ROBERTS Doreen

Peacefully at Brocasle Manor Care Home on 6th July, Doreen of Llantwit Major.  
Wife of the late Alan and sister to the late Ken, sister-in-law of Rita, and a much loved aunt of Rod, and Sean, and great aunt of Samantha, Emily and Josh.  
Funeral service on Wednesday 18th July 2012 at 11am in Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers. Donation enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major 01446 792489

### MAYOR Nigel David Younger

Peacefully at Countess Mountbatten Hospice, Southampton on 8th July, 2012  
Dearly beloved son of Keith and Myra, husband to Jane and brother to Lucy. Very much cherished by his family and friends and always a Welsh boy at heart. Private cremation followed by a celebration of Nigel's life at Romsey Abbey on Thursday 19th July 2012 at 3pm.  
No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Countess Mountbatten Hospice Charity.

### POWNER Andrew (Bunter)

Peacefully on 7th July 2012.  
Loving nephew of June and Fred. Cousin to Annetta, Melanie and Claire. Resting now in a better place. Will be greatly missed but never forgotten by all who knew him.

### LEWIS Daniel

Peacefully on 6th July 2012.  
Daniel of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved brother of Dorothy, Gilbert, Maureen, George, Terry and Thelma. Funeral service on Monday 16th July 2012 in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major at 12 noon followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son. Tel. 01446 792489.

### MERRICK Antonia Julia

Suddenly but peacefully on 3 July at Bellavista Nursing home, Barry, Antonia Julia, aged 98 years, previously of Tynewydd Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Melville. A loved mother of Peter, Michael and mother-in-law of Lyn and Pippa.  
Cherished grandmother and great grandmother. Antonia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.  
Resting at A G Adams and Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Monday 16 July. Service at Coychurch Crematorium where family and friends please meet at 11am. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Croft Kennels, Coity.

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## Birthdays

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**Happy 80th Birthday John Thomas**  
(of Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors)  
13th July, 2012  
Love from all the family  
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## Public Notice

**VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO MODIFY PUBLIC PATH ORDER**  
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**  
(Public Bridleway No 32 Welsh St. Donats)  
Public Path Diversion Order 2011  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 2 (3) of Schedule 6 to the Act that the Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers to determine the Order, proposes to modify the Order as follows:  
(a) Replacing "1 foot" in the "Width" column of Part 1 of the Schedule to the order with "5-6 feet (perft)" and;  
(b) Replacing "2 metres" in the "Width" column of Part 2 of the Schedule to the order with "3 metres".  
A copy of the Order, as submitted and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modifications together with the Inspector's letter dated 26 March 2012 have been deposited at the Vale of Glamorgan Council offices, Dock Office, Barry Docks. Barry and may be inspected free of charge during normal working hours.  
Any representation or objection with respect to the proposed modifications may be sent in writing to the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, quoting reference number 515513 not later than 28 days from the publication of this notice and should state the grounds on which it is made, and indicate whether you wish to have the opportunity of being heard by a person appointed by the Welsh Ministers at a further public inquiry. It should be noted that any such representation or objection may be made available for viewing by interested parties at the Council Offices on request.  
**NOTICE POSTED ON 12TH JULY 2012**  
Helen May  
Authorised by the Welsh Ministers

**CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**  
**HYSBYSIAD O GYNNIG I ADDASU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS**  
**DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980**  
(Public Bridleway No 32 Welsh St. Donats)  
Public Path Diversion Order 2011  
Hysbysir drwy hyn yn unol â pharagraff 2 (3) Atodlen 6 y Deddf 1980 i bwrddio a bwrddio gan Weirddogion Cymru i bwrddio a bwrddio yn ynnig addasu'r Gorchymyn fel a ganlyn:  
(a) Tynnu "1 droedfedd" yn y golofn "Lled" yn Rhan 1 Atodlen y gorchymyn a rhoi yn lle hynny "5-6 droedfedd (perft)"; a,  
(b) Tynnu "2 fetr" yn y golofn "Lled" yn Rhan 2 Atodlen y gorchymyn a rhoi yn lle hynny "3 metr".  
Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn, fel y'i cyflwynwyd a chopi o'r Gorchymyn yn dangos yr addasiadau a gynnig ynghyd â llythyr yr Arlywydd dyddiedig 26 Mawrth 2012, wedi eu rhoi yn swyddfaedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Doc, Dockau'r Barri, Y Barri a gallu eu harchwilio yn heb ddi yn ystod yr oriau gwaith arferol.  
Gall unrhyw sylw neu wrthwynebiad meyn perthynas â'r addasiadau a gynnig yn ynnig ffeiriedig at yr Arlywydd Cynllunio, Addasiadau'r Doc, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NQ, yn ddiymu cyfeirnod 515513 heb fod yn hysbys na 28 diwrnod o'r dyddiedig hysbysiad hwn a dylai ddatgan ar ba di ynnig, a modi a ydych chi gael y cyfle o gael gwrandawriad gan unrhyw a bwrddio gan Weirddogion Cymru meyn ynnig addasu'r cyhoedus pellach. Dylid nodi y gallai unrhyw sylw neu wrthwynebiad o'r fath fod ar gael i bartion sydd â buddiant gael eu gweld yn Swyddfaedd y Cyngor ar gais.  
**POSTWYD YR HYSBYSIAD AR 12 GORFFENAF 2012**  
Helen May  
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**LEGAL, PUBLIC PROTECTION & HOUSING SERVICES**  
**MARRIAGE ACT 1994 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**  
Take notice that the above department has received the following application under the above Act from Mrs Elizabeth Gaynor Davies for Roseview Farm, Beach Road, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 1PZ to be a premises approved as a venue for Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies.  
This application and associated plans are available for public inspection between 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.  
Any person wishing to object to the grant of this approval should write to the above address giving reasons for their objection within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: 12th July 2012  
Peter H Evans  
Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services

**CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**  
**GWASANAETHAU CYFREITHIOL, AMDDIFFYF Y CYHOEDD A THAI**  
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## MP's praise for small business on award



Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon has congratulated TB Davies on their award.

### BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has offered her congratulations to a local business on its success in a small business competition.

TB Davies, based in Bridgend, won the regional final of HBSC's Business Thinking competition. The competition seeks to acknowledge small and medium-sized enterprises that are expanding their exports market, in order to balance the British economy and boost economic prosperity.

The Waterton business's success entitles them to up to £6 million in lending, with a financial reward of up to £120,000.

They were also invited to the national final in London last month, which included an audience with several leading business figures.

TB Davies designs and manufactures aircraft ground support equipment. They provide airlines with bridges and steps to help transport passengers and cargo. They also supply military customers including the Ministry of Defence and General Electric.

The company was founded in 2003 by

managing director Steve Meredith. After recent expansion, the site on the Waterton Industrial Estate in Bridgend is 12 acres in size, and employs 85 staff. It is part of a family of companies producing access equipment that has been trading for 67 years.

The company's annual sales total £6m. In recent years, TB Davies has vastly increased its level of exports, with 30-40 per cent of production now reaching overseas markets.

Ms Moon said: "TB Davies is a jewel in the crown of industry in Bridgend, and I am delighted their work is being recognised regionally and nationally.

"I myself have had the pleasure of using their equipment, on a military plane in the Falkland Islands. It says much that they are the Ministry of Defence's choice to provide vital equipment such as this.

"I am also pleased to see this awards scheme rewarding companies that increase their exports. It is vital to see a better-balanced and more resilient economy that can lead the world in certain areas of production. I am proud to have one such company on our own doorstep."

### Eisteddfod fundraiser

**BRIDGEND Male Choir** (National Eisteddfod winners 2004 and 2006) will be performing in *St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major*, on Friday, August 3, at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adult, £3 students, from *Graham Morgan, Old White Hart, Llantwit Major* (01446 790132 or 07948 485325).

## Joint concert

**COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir** held a joint concert with the **Metropolitan Male Voice Choir of South Australia** in *Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge* on July 4.

The concert was very well attended and the audience, which included Jane Hutt, AM and the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Nicola Thomas, had a very enjoyable musical evening.

A post-concert function was held at Cowbridge Rugby Club, and on Thursday morning, the Australian choir left for London for a concert with Bryn Terfel as part of a 500-strong male voice choir at the Royal Festival Hall.

# Health Trust chief tells forum about 'inevitable changes'

ON July 6, Porthcawl SHOUT Forum invited **Wm Griffiths OBE**, chairman of the **Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University National Health Trust**, to attend its monthly meeting.

Public concerns are being expressed about changes that are coming as a result of the need to cut down on costs, leading to disturbing rumours of reduction in services throughout the region.

Gary Victor, Porthcawl SHOUT chairman, warmly welcomed Mr Griffiths, who was accompanied by Bridgend local director Dorothy Edwards and Carol Killar, head of policy and regulation (nursing).

An enthusiastic audience, that also included non-members and local councillors, were grateful to Mr Griffiths for providing a straightforward address and answering questions for over an hour.

He assured members that it was the intention of his colleagues and himself to ensure that reorganisation would

end up with 'safe centres of excellence' and that while changes were inevitable, they would not take place without full consultation.

There would be a programme of engagement from the end of July, with a full three months allowed for in-depth consultation with all those affected from September through to December.

We could be sure there would remain a 24-hour quality service in Bridgend. Addressing the many questions posed by the Porthcawl Forum, he said that the important changes would help to create a better service for the future, which placed expertise as near as possible to the problem needing to be solved.

Clinicians were playing an essential role in driving the changes.

Many changes will need to be made, but the quality of service provided will always be of paramount importance. No change will take place unless it continues to provide a 'safe' service.

On the issue of reduction in services at Neath Port Talbot Hospital, Mr Griffiths stated that decisions had been taken

because of a lack of doctors, most of whom were having to be attracted from abroad, not for financial reasons, as the money is available, but the doctors are not.

The issue of accident and emergency provision was also discussed. There would need to be changes, including the establishment of special trauma units.

While the policy was not finalised, Mr Griffiths suggested that he expected Bridgend to retain a 24-hour accident and emergency facility, even if not on the present scale.

Concerns were then raised regarding provision of suitable transport facilities. We appear to be well-served to get to hospitals in the east (Cardiff) but very poorly supported west, where bus services do not allow direct access or take into account patient visiting times.

It was suggested that because our county is represented on the East Wales Transport Liaison committee, travel facilities to Cardiff are working well, so we should also be represented on the West Wales Transport Liaison Committee to help change inadequate exist-

ing services.

Members were adamant that this transport problem should be corrected as a matter of urgency and certainly before further hospital changes are made.

Porthcawl SHOUT president Des Rees again raised the urgent need for a modern public health centre in Porthcawl.

The town does not receive the priority it deserves, particularly with the high proportion of older people, as well as the additional holiday population needing care.

He cited Cornelly and Pencoed, both of which have these facilities.

Dorothy Edwards stated that regular meetings are held with the regeneration officer, as a business case has to be made out to allow progress.

Mr Rees stated there was no need to delay awaiting regeneration, as the land and services were readily available. Mr Griffiths appeared to accept the argument and said the matter would be further considered.

Mr Lindsay Morgan, our community health council representative, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Griffiths and his colleagues for their attendance.

The business meeting that followed was overshadowed by the information received and relayed by the councillors present that Tesco had, at long last, withdrawn from their proposed supermarket development.

It is expected that a full statement will be issued by the BCBC regeneration department later this week.

Members now await with great interest full details of the county's so-called 'Plan B'.

This announcement in no way affects the 70 berth harbour project, now expected to commence soon, or the renovation of Porthcawl's famous and most photographed lighthouse at the end of August.

Perhaps Tesco's late withdrawal will now allow the town of Porthcawl to be redeveloped into a prime seaside resort once more.

The public can be sure Porthcawl SHOUT will not be slow to offer its views on the long-awaited regeneration that must now surely proceed without further delay.

Porthcawl SHOUT meets on the first Friday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Friday August 3, and all are welcome at Trinity Church (2pm).

**Clive Mort**  
(Hon Secretary)

## Athletic youth presentation



**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC's youth team recently held their presentation evening.**

Lloyd Griffith received the 'Youth Clubman of Year' award from Ospreys Hooker Scott Baldwin (an ex Bridgend Athletic youth player) (top), Chris Preece received the 'Youth Best Back' award (above left), and youth captain Lloyd Wilson received the 'Youth Player of Year' award (above right).

The award tankards were made, inscribed and donated by sponsor Alan Jenkins of Ewenny Potteries.

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## Police gear up for new season

**South Wales Police RFC seniors have started training for the forthcoming season on Thursday evenings at Waterton Cross starting at 7pm.**

Paul Standing will be staying on at the club for a second season. Paul has a great pedigree at both playing and coaching level; he spent three years playing at both Maesteg and Tonmawr, winning promotion into the Premiership with both teams.

While coaching at Aberavon Green Stars, the Green Stars gained promotion from Division Five to Division Three, being crowned champions for the first two seasons, and in the third season they finished third in Division Three.

Paul also spent time playing at Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Tondur.

Paul will be joined by Paul Cooper, another player with a great playing career. Paul started at Cardiff Youth, along the way representing Crawshays Youth, and at senior level he went on to play Glamorgan Wanderers, Penarth and Llanharan.

However, in the latter part of his career Paul played at Heol y Cyw and played over 300 games for the club, receiving a club cap. All those games were played at scrum half. Paul also received a Glamorgan

county cap, along with a East District cap.

Both coaches are WRU level 2 coaches and keen to bring success to Waterton Cross.

Pre-season friendlies have been arranged with a charity game at home with Biomet on August 11; they then travel to RTB Ebbw Vale on August 18, and the following week they will take on Cwmgors away, before entering the Colin Hillman Invitation Sevens on bank holiday Sunday, August 26.

South Wales Police are looking to increase their playing squad for next season, so any player interested should attend training on Thursday evening or call 07780 547974.

The youth team will also change from training on a Sunday morning to Thursday evenings at 7pm; they are also looking to increase their squad so any player interested in youth rugby should contact 07737 318942 for more details.

There will be a player and coaches meeting on Tuesday, July 17, to discuss future games and planned functions - all current, previous and new players are welcome to attend; the meeting will start at 6.30pm.

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## Brynmenyn school's centenary celebration



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8).

BCBC Deputy Mayor, Coun Clive James, and Ogmere AM Janice Gregory (below) attended Brynmenyn Primary School's centenary.







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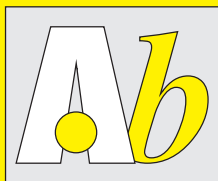
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## NEW BOVERTON - £170,000



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## NEW LLANMAES - £249,950



Modern three bedroom detached bungalow and attached garage situated in the village of Llanmaes. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining area, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Double glazed UPVC windows and doors. Gas central heating. Driveway to the side and neatly laid gardens to front and rear. Ref 670D

## NEW LLANMAES - £475,000



Modern detached spacious family residence situated in rural surroundings with newly fitted Conservatory, Lounge, Modern fitted Kitchen/Dining area, Utility Room, Dining Room, Shower Room/Cloakroom, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Driveway and garden to front and good size rear garden. Ref 671D

## NEW LLANTWIT MAJOR - £245,000



Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow with attached garage and conservatory to the rear and a driveway each side of the property for additional parking. Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Modern fitted Kitchen/Breakfast room, Utility Room, Bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Neatly laid gardens to front and rear. Ref 673D

## NEW LLANTWIT MAJOR - £165,000



Traditional three bedroom semi-detached house situated close to the centre of town comprising Porch, Hallway, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast room, Rear Hall, Shower/Wet room, Modern Bathroom. Double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Driveway and good size garden to front and rear. Ref 674D

## NEW LLANTWIT MAJOR - £325,000



Spacious modern five bedroom detached house and Garage with Conservatory to the rear comprising Hallway, Cloakroom, Lounge, Modern fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room, En-suite to master bedroom, Family Bathroom. Gas central heating. Double glazed windows and doors. Double driveway and gardens to front and rear. Ref 675D

## NEW LLANTWIT MAJOR - £239,500



Modern four bedroom detached house with integral Garage and Conservatory to the rear comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Modern Kitchen, Utility Room, Cloakroom, PVC rear Porch, En-suite to master bedroom, Family Bathroom. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Double width driveway and south facing landscaped rear garden. Ref 676D

## BOVERTON - £137,500



Modern well maintained two bedroom semi-detached house with attached garage situated in a cul-de-sac. Hallway, Well fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room with patio doors to rear garden, modern bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Driveway and neatly laid garden to front and rear. Ref 605D

## LLANTWIT MAJOR - £149,500



Established three bedroom end of terrace house occupying a corner position. Hallway, Lounge with patio doors to rear garden, Fitted Kitchen, Utility room, Cloakroom, Bathroom/WC. Double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Paved driveway and parking to front and good size south facing rear garden. Ref 626D

## LLANTWIT MAJOR - £285,000



Well maintained detached house built circa 1830 situated on the Beach Road with successful ladies hair salon independent of the living accommodation. Dining Room, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three bedrooms, Modern Bathroom. Gas Central heating. Double glazed windows and doors. Flagstone and slate flooring. Paved courtyard and parking. Ref 627D

## LLANTWIT MAJOR - £299,000



Modern three/four bedroom detached house with attached garage situated in a sought after area and outlooks onto countryside. Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Ground Floor Bedroom/Dining Room, Cloakroom, En-suite to master bedroom, Family Bathroom. Gas Central heating. Double glazed windows and doors. Driveway and garden to front and rear garden overlooking green fields. Ref 628D

## LLANTWIT MAJOR - £175,000



Modern well maintained three bedroom detached house situated in a cul-de-sac comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Gas central heating. Driveway to the side and garden to front and rear £175,000 Ref 660D.

## LLANTWIT MAJOR - £129,950



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## LLANTWIT MAJOR - £239,750



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## BAMC hit gold standard



Team members (from top) Nathan King, Jane White, Craig Morgan, Mike Dekeyser, Jason Morris, Paul Booth, Jason Edwards, Mark Trew (captain), Paul Thomas and Mark Dollman.

**BRITISH Airways Maintenance Cardiff (BAMC),** located right here in the Vale, sent a team to take part in the BA Games at Heathrow recently.

There were 10 regional teams

of 10 people who took part in 10 activities, including touch rugby, archery, darts, pool, badminton, tennis, table tennis, dodge ball, gymnastics, and a 2km relay race.

As each activity finished and the points board was checked, it was clear that our team were doing very well. The last event was the relay race, and only one

team were in front of us at this stage.

The race was very tense when the results were announced by Linford Christie. BAMC won four gold medals and two bronze, and were declared outright winners, as we had more gold medals in total than team USA.

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## Barry Town have a little help from their friends!

The Barry Town Supporters Committee held their inaugural Community Action Day last Sunday (8 July), with an army of helpers turning out to help smarten up Jenner Park.

A large number of willing volunteers from the local community gave up their Sunday morning comforts to join manager Gavin Chesterfield, secretary David Cole and a host of BTSC members on this, the first of a series of Community Action

Days mooted.

With an age range spanning some 50 years, the enthusiastic band split into two groups to focus on improving the aesthetic face of ground and the changing room facilities respectively.

Armed with their shovels, brooms and cutting tools, several hours were spent removing all weeding from the Gladstone Road entrance walkway, and helping clean up the two large stands.

With the sun shining on Jenner Park for the first time in a week, volunteers collected up over a dozen large bags of rubbish and removed a number of the minor eyesores that had been blighting the ground for some time.

Taking the initiative and working completely independently of the football club, the effort and commitment of a broad cross-section of Barry people was heartening to see - and drew some parallels with the way in which local volunteers originally built the ground almost 100 years ago.

While significant work is still required, the day was seen as the first public step in the BTSC and Vale of Glamorgan Council's present day rejuvenation of Jenner Park - with painting work, pitch enhancement and seating improvements in the pipeline before the visit of a Cardiff City side on Wednesday, August 8.

With Malky Mackay promising to bring a strong team, the game already dubbed 'the south Wales challenge match' seems to have caught the imagination of the Barry public.

In less than a week of sales, the first allocation of online tickets completely sold out - with

the BTSC later releasing a second allocation via their ticket site at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/BarryTownSC](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/BarryTownSC)

With over 300 seats for this reduced capacity match already paid for by press time, fans are encouraged to buy early to avoid disappointment.

For those without internet access, tickets can be purchased from David Cole on 07557 665 847.

All money raised by ticket sales will help fund the independent and non-profit Barry Town Supporters Committee's footballing activities for the coming season.

In other news, the friendly at Barnstaple Town scheduled for Saturday, July 21 has been cancelled and replaced with a match against fellow Western League outfit Elmore AFC the same day.

The BTSC coach trip, originally scheduled for Barnstaple, will now take in the Elmore vs Barry match at Horsdon Park, Tiverton. The coach departs Jenner Park at 9.40am, with pickup at the Colcot Arms at 9.45am. All travel tickets remain valid, though anyone now wanting to cancel is urged to contact David Cole via the aforementioned number.

Finally, Gavin Chesterfield's team will enjoy their first run-out ahead of the new season on Saturday (July 14), against Welsh Premier side Carmarthen Town.

The match, on the 3G pitch at Cowbridge Comprehensive, will kick off at 11am, with supporters welcome.

The annual BTSC cricket night, previously set for Friday evening, has been postponed to accommodate this pre-season tune-up. AC

## TONY AND JOANNIE PICK UP TITLES...

THE national singles championship was held this year at Penarth Pétanque Club, located at The Kymin, where 16 players competed.

The initial part of the competition was a round robin, where players were put into pools of four, the top two players from each pool qualified for the chance to win the championship. The bottom two players from each pool were entered into the Plate competition.

The quarter final of the main saw Phil Bradshaw beaten by Stuart Spencer and Tony Smith won against Geoff Jones from Penarth PC.

Two players from Caerleon RFC PC fought each other to go through to the semi-finals - Tansy Mayfield losing to Peter Beresford. The final pairing saw Paul Mayfield, again from Caerleon RFC PC, beat Bill Davies from Wenvoe PC.

The semi-finals saw some excellent shooting and pointing with Tony Smith competing against Peter Beresford, and Stuart Spencer against Paul Mayfield. The final saw Tony Smith take the title when he beat Stuart Spencer in an extremely closely fought game, 13/12.

The initial round of the plate competition saw

Bernard Bradshaw (Monkstone Inn PC) play against Joannie Roberts from Wenvoe PC, Laurent Mirbelle fought Valerie Falconer, and Jean-Yves Robic played against Linda Williams (all from Penarth PC).

Finally, Rose Fiera from the Monkstone Inn PC progressed directly to the semi finals as her opponent Jesse Lipetz-Robic withdrew from the competition.

In the semi-finals of the plate Joannie Roberts beat Rose Fiera and Laurent Mirbelle won over Linda Williams. Joannie Roberts comfortably beat Laurent Mirbelle in the final, 13/4, to take the win the Plate.

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## ATH PLAYERS PICK UP 'LOYALTY' CAPS



Left to right: Stuart Morris, John Doherty, Simon Mustoe and Wayne Fookes.  
PICTURE BY GLENNSPORTS

IN a time when club loyalty is at a premium Bridgend Athletic RFC have decided to award caps to players who have shown exceptional loyalty to the club.

Four players - Stuart Morris, John Doherty, Wayne Fookes and Simon Mustoe - have become the first recipients of this new innovation.

It is great for the club and players when players move on to find their true level in the game and are extremely proud of the players like Lee Byrne and Rhys Webb who started in the youth, mini and junior sections and also played youth rugby and senior rugby before becoming the senior Wales international from the club.

However, it is the likes of Stuart, John, Wayne and Simon who have formed the backbone of the club as they progressed in successive seasons from Division 5 to Division 1 and next year will compete in the newly formed championship division - one tier below Premiership status.

Stuart Morris has spent over 20 years with the club as a player at youth and senior levels. He has the most appearances ever for the club with over 600 games. He is also the all time leading points scorer as well as individual points in a season record holder with 334 points.

He has captained the club a record eight times including the period of

accession from Division 5 to Division 1, and his versatility has enabled him to play full back, outside half and centre.

He is now retiring on medical grounds as a player, but the club are delighted he is transferring his experience and joining the coaching staff.

His late father Barrie was also a tremendous Athletic servant and was awarded life membership for his committee and fixture secretary duties over many years. He also received the clubman of the year on more occasions than any other member.

Former scrum half John Doherty was for many years Stuart's half back partner. He also has over 20 years service as a player at youth and senior level and played over 500 games for the club.

He was a very inspirational player snapping at the heels of the forwards and providing an excellent pass to get the back-line moving. He is also now involved in coaching at youth level in the club.

His parents, Danny and the late Tessa Doherty, were former Athletic club steward and stewardess.

The third cap recipient is prop Wayne Fookes. Wayne has over 14 years playing experience and has played 350+ games with the club and is still very much part of the 1st XV squad. For the past three seasons he has also been part of the mini and junior coaching set up.

The fourth cap recipient is current 1st XV hooker Simon Mustoe who has 11 year's service at youth and senior level and played over 300 games for the club. He is the youngest player to have captained the club, when only 21 years old and held that position for two years. AB

## The Seconds are simply the best!



Second XV captain Nathan Holman receives the trophy from head Bridgend Athletic coach John Apsee. PICTURE BY GLENNSPORTS

After finishing third in the WRU Super league in its inaugural year, Bridgend Athletic seconds were last week confirmed by the WRU as champions of its competition for the second teams of Premiership and First Division clubs.

Their record stands as: played 22, won 16, drew 2, and lost 4; points for 700, against 33; tries for 91, against 43.

Forward Harry Griffiths made most appearances with 20, just ahead of skipper Nathan Holman and wing Andrew Tyler.

Centre Nick Hinton played 17, Nick Jones 16 and Chris McGrath and Morgan Thomas 15 each.

Centre Tom Parry was top scorer with 147 points from only 10 games, then came outside half Tom Cole with 92 points also from 10 games. AB

Wing Rhodri Davies was top try scorer with 9 followed by Lloyd Pemberton with 8 tries and 3 conversions. Scrum half Tom Davies scored 39 points including 3 tries while back row forward Callan McLeod scored 5 tries and Sean Derrick, Chris McGrath and Ben Howe all scored 4 tries each.

The teams were managed by father and son team of Tony and Liam Griffiths, well supported by Andrew Morgan.

Training has already started for next season; for anyone interested in joining this successful club ring director of rugby Paul Yardley on 07939413661.

The first XV will be competing in the new championship division 1 tier below the Premiership and the second XV will be defending their second division title against the best second XV club sides in Wales. AB

## Pencoed under-16s win the league title



PENCOED (BGC) won the Celtic Tyres Bridgend and district under-16s league by beating Wyndam Boys Club 4-0 with goals by Jack Williams, and a hat-trick by Daniel Hesketh.

Pencoed (BGC) finished with a record of 13 wins and two draws from their 16 league matches.

The team was captained by Scott Lakin and top scorer was Daniel Hesketh with 48 goals.

Gareth Balding has coached Pencoed (BGC) for the last 10 years and in his final season of junior football he achieved, by enthusiasm and dedication, the reward of becoming league champions after several seasons of runners up.

Also, Carter Monroe was

capped by Boys Club Wales under-16s and played against Scotland.

Pencoed (BGC) presentation night was held on Saturday, June 30 and awards were presented to Daniel Hesketh, player of the year; Thomas Hiscocks, players' player of the year and Jordan Jenkins, most improved player.

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## Blue Bulls win their clash with the Titans

THE Bridgend Blue Bulls got back to winning ways with an 11 try, 58-22 victory over the Titans.

The reigning champions had lost their previous two games, the first time ever they had lost consecutive matches in their 10 year history, but any chance of the Titans making it a hat-trick of losses evaporated early on when a devastating first half hour put Bridgend 32-0 up.

Both sides had chances early on with Titans Matt Rogers almost breaking free in the opening minute, before great play from Bulls duo Tylon Mafi and Gareth Howells sent Danyl Davies over for a seventh minute try.

A great kick and chase from Craig Chalmers then helped

set up a great move which resulted in Gareth Howells scoring, and Howells also converted.

Two more quick tries from Davies, the second after a charging run from Lee Harben-Jones, both converted by Howells then made it 22-0 before Lloyd Ryland and Craig Fox added further misery for the Titans with scores, with Howells adding another kick to make it 32-0.

Nathan Bird eventually got one back for the Titans, goaled by Matt Rogers, but Danyl Davies had the final say with his fourth try and a fifth goal from Howells made it 38-6 at half time.

Newport claimed a second try early in the second half via Andrew Whittingham, but Bridgend hit back straight away with Tom Johnson scoring just seconds after coming off the bench.

Despite being well beaten the Titans never gave up and were rewarded with two more scores with Nick Bryant and Ryan Matson scoring.

Speedster Davies then grabbed his fifth of the game for the Bulls before the Titans claimed their final try from Matt Rogers.

But the Bulls were always on control and claimed two more late tries, teenage prop Owen Thomas scored a great

solo try to cap off a fine debut, before Richard Howells raced over for try number 11 after a well-timed pass from David James.

The Blue Bulls were always in control of the game but the Titans can be proud of the way they fought back and the game could have been a lot closer had the visitors slotted their goals.

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